WASHINGTON (R) — U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher said Monday it was "imperative" that Arabs and Israelis resume Middle East talks on April 20 or a unique opportunity to make peace could be lost. In a major foreign policy speech m Chicago. Mr. Christopher said: "It is imperative that all sides act to seize this opportunity and return to the negotiating tables in Washington on April 20." "If they do the United States is ready to act as a full partner in their efforts," Mr. Christopher said. "If they do not, if they allow this unique chance to stip away, another generation in the Middle East could be lost to an endless cycle of confrontation and, eventually, war." The talks were suspended last December when Israel expelled 415 Palestinians to South Lebanon. Palestinians have demanded the speedy return of the expellees as a Palestinians have demanded the speedy return of the expellees as a condition for rejoining the peace talks. Arab foreign ministers are due to meet on March 28 in Damascus to decide whether to accept the invitation and a Palestinian delegation is expected in Washington next week for talks with Mr. Christopher.

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MOSCOW (R) — Russian and U.S. nuclear submarines collided in Arctic waters this weekend but the crasb, 170 kilometres off Russia's northern coast, caused little damage to either craft, officials said Monday. Russian naval commanders accused the rival boat of carrying out dangerous manoeuvres. Defence Department officials in Washingtoo said the United States regretted the incident. Neither the U.S. nor Russian statements made clear whether the crash occurred on or beneath the surface. But U.S. attack suhmarines, designed to hunt and destroy other subs and surface ships, seldom move on the surface of the ocean

### **ICRC** to resume activities in Sudan

KHARTOUM (AP) - The International Committee of the Red Cross is to resume operations in south Sodan after a full year suspension, an agreement signed Sunday by the two sides said. The agreement did not say wheo exactly the Red Cross will resume its mission. "The agreement reflects the desire of the two sides to establish constructive and positive relationship for serving the joint target which is the lifting of the suffering of innocent civilians in the operation zones," the government news agency SUNA said referring to south Sodan.

### **Bomb hoaxes** disrupt india's parilament

NEW DELHI (R) - Bomh scares forced an abrupt adjournment in India's parliament Monday and disrupted work at the supreme court, officials said. Both bouses of parliament were adjourned in the afternoon after presiding officers were informed of a bomb threat, members said. A bomh squad was called hut found nothing. Work in both the Supreme Court and the Delhi High Court was disrupted following anonymous hoax telephone calls that bombs had been placed in the court rooms, police said. India has been jittery since a wave of car and suitcase bomb hlasts in Bombay on March 12 killed 250 people and injured 1,200. Four days later a huge hlast of explosives in Calcutta killed 69 people and injured scores more. Security in Delhi has been considerably strengthened around parliament, govemment buildings and the homes of top officials.

### Nimitz enters Gulf

BAHRAIN (AP) - The aircraft carrier USS Nimitz entered the Gulf overnight aloog with a sixship battlegroup, a U.S. navy spokesman said Monday. Aireraft carrier battle groups routicely have been deployed in the Gulf since the Gulf crisis. The nuclear powered Nimitz replaced the USS Kitty Hawk, which departed last week after nearly three months in the region. With the Nimitz were the cruisers USS Reeves, USS Truxtun and USS Lake Champlain, the destroyer USS Leftwich and the suppl Ships USS Kansas City and USS Sbasta. The Nimitz battlegroup brought to about 15 the number of U.S. warships deployed in the Gulf and the Arabian and Red

### Forecast projects drop in Libyan oli

NICOSIA (AP) - Libya's oil productioo, its main source of occome, is expected to drop after the turn of the century and will fall to less than a quarter of current levels without more investment and new finds, an oil industry newsletter said Mooday. The Middle East Economic Survey said a forecast made for Libya hy unidentified economie and oil experts expects oil production to fall from the current 1.7 million barrels a day to 1.1 million barrels a day from 2000 2010, and to drop to only 500,000 barrels a day in the following decade. The Cyprus-based weekly quoted the report as saying total oil revenues were expected to equal \$116 billion for 1992-2000, \$113 billion during 2000-2010, and \$90 billion for the following decade.

## Israeli troops kill 3 in Gaza; six Israelis

stabbed in Jerusalem

Rabin talks tough to soldiers in Gaza, but tells Knesset security lies in peace talks

Israeb soldiers Monday shot and killed at least three Palestinians including an 11-year-old mentally retarded boy in the occupied Gaza Strip, and a Palestinian stabbed five Israeli students and their teacher in West Jerusalem, reports said.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabio rehuffed demands for tougher measures following the stabbing m the school, saying the Palestinians are waging a popular uprising that can only end through

Mr. Rabin told Israelis they had no ehoice but to absorb the punches, do more to defend themselves, and put their faith in the U.S.-brokered peace talks. Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak

Yeltsin's spokesman Monday ac-

cused the chief justice of pre-

maturely siding with parliament

in its effort to impeach him, and

the president issued a decree

placing Russian media under his

The Kremuo moves came as

Russia's constitutional court con-

vened to discuss Mr. Yeltsin's

declaration of emergency powers

and the power struggle between

the president and the parliament.

The court failed to reach an

If the court rules against Mr.

Yeltsin, the Congress of People's

Deputies, the highest legislative

body, could move to impeach him

PARIS (R) — Official results

humiliating rout of France's rul-

ing Socialists in the first round of

prospect of a giant, potentially

unruly right-wing parliamentary

The sheer scale of the victory.

described by commentators as a

tidal wave, raised concern that

the conservative alliance would

be unable to maintain its facade

of unity and control its maverick

historic majority and problems,"

Pascal Perinaud, director of the

political think-tank French poli-

tical study centre, told France-Info radio Monday.

"We are headed towards an

groups in parliament.

majority.

immediate decision.

protection.

Combined agency dispatches

Monday.

"It must be made clear to the Palestinians they will achieve nothing from us through terror and violence," he told reporters as he toured the strip.

But the young conscripts and reservists io the cauldroo of Palestinian revolt doohted Mr. Rabin could keep his promise to stem a wave of Arab-Israeli vio-"The people here hate our very

souls, and nothing will change until we fence off Gaza, make a gate in the fence, and get out," said 42-year-old reservist Andur The prime minister can come

here for four bours or four years, and Gaza will stay the same hell,' added a 20-year-old infantryman as Mr. Rabin left his camp. Other soldiers were also scep-

Rahin also talked tough wheo he tical that Mr. Rabin, a former visited soldiers in the Gaza Strip general, could curb the surge of

Yeltsin camp asserts gaining

MOSCOW (Agencies) — Boris for hreaching the constitution.

PARIS (R) — Official results The centre-right Uoioo for issued Monday confirmed the France (UPF) coalition clinched

general elections and raised the tions Sunday and won 78 of the 80

support, hits constitution court

In his latest hid to thwart chief

tival Ruslan Khasbulatov, the

parliament speaker, Mr. Yeltsin

Monday placed the media under

his protection and ordered the

interior minister to take "neces-

televisioo, radio and information

emergency session of the Con-

gress of People's Deputies, Mr.

Khasbulatov directed the Snp-

reme Soviet legislature to prepare

laws to put media under par-

A dissenting cabinet member

but picture unrosy for right

39.5 per cent of the vote in the

first of two rounds of the elec-

seats decided outright, final In-

terior Ministry figures showed.

higher than their score in the first

round of last parliamentary elec-

tions in 1988, the collapse of the

Socialist Party meant the right

was poised for total domination

Polling institutes forecast the

UPF would win 440 to 476 par-

liamentary seats after next Sun-

day's run-offs — the largest majority since 1815 when the

monarchy was restored after the

French revolotion, according to

of the National Assembly.

While that was only slightly

on Monday left the government.

Justice Minister Nikolai Fyodor-

liamentary control.

French Socialists routed,

sary measures" to defend state

On March 13, at the end of the

violence sparked by his December expulsion to Lebanoo of 415 suspected members of Hamas

and other militant groups.

Israelis have killed 67 Arabs and Arabs bave killed 12 Israelis since the expulsion.

Most of the violence has stemmed from Gaza, prompting calls by members of Mr. Rabin's coalition government to pull out of the overcrowded strip.
"Rabin can hreak their bones,

be can have us sboot them like dogs, or he can have us coddle them, give them all cars and houses - nothing will help," said Zimmerman, who has done nine tours of reserve duty io Gaza

Zimmerman was in a southern Gaza refugee camp in early 1988 when Mr. Rahin as defence minister ordered troops to break

. (Continued on page 5)

ov resigned after failing to support Mr. Yeltsin at Suoday's

Presidential spokesman

Vyacheslav kostikov Monday

asserted - without offering evi-

dence - that Mr. Yeltsin has

growing poblic support as he pro-

ferendum April 25, undeterred

by criticism from hardline law-

makers and some of Russia's

Russia plunged into its deepes

crisis since the failed August 1991

coup when Mr. Yeltsin declared

emergency rule Saturday oight

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The Socialists crashed to 17.6

per cent from 34.7 per cent in

1988, failed to win a single scat

outright and were set to lose

two-thirds of their 276 seats in the

Adding the affiliated left radic-

als movement and other left

candidates, the socialist bloc

"France has oever seen such a

buge majority. I think it's danger-

ous. Democracy can cope with

change and the French people

clearly voted for change, but it still needs an opposition," Indus-

try Minister Dominique Strauss-

Kahn said, poshing the Socialist

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totalled a mere 20.3 per cent.

outgoing parliament.

cabioet meeting.



inclothes Israeli policeman clears the way to an ambulance for a Palestinian who was beaten severely hy Israelis Monday after he stabled six Israelis at a high school in West Jerusalem (AFP photo)

## Controversy hits draft law on teachers' union By Ayman Al Safadi

Jordan Times, Staff Reporter

AMMAN - The failure of the Higher Council for the Interpretation of the Constitution to decide on the constitutional status of the teachers' onion draft 10 Mr. Lawzi, gives labourers and the power to decide the fate of organise unions. council president said Monday.

"The council could not reach a resolution. The decision is now with the executive authority." Speaker of the Upper House of Parliament Ahmad Al Lawzi, who heads the nine-member council, told the Jordan Times. "It will be a political decision,"

The council voted five to four against the constitutionality of the law, but a majority of legal experts contacted by the Jordan Times said its decision was not binding because it is not sopported hy a two-thirds majority as

required by the law. The council's decisioo does oot constitute a resolutioo. The (draft law) is constitutional," prominent lawyer Ibrahim Bakr

told the Jordan Times. Mr. Bakr's argument was supported by acother prominent Jordanian lawver.

"The equoeil's decision (against the coostitutiocality of the draft (law) is not binding." lawyer Walid Abdul Hadi said.

Another lawyer, however, said the council's ruling constitutes a legal dilemma and highlights the necessity of amending the law governing the decisions of the

Former Minister of Informaoon Taher Hikmat, a lawyer, said, "on the surface, the (draft law) is unconstitutional" as the majority voted against it.

The council's ruling casts doubts about the credibility of the draft law, he said.

The law was contested oo the grounds that it unionises government employees in violation of the Constitution which, according law has left the government with not civil servants the right to

refer the draft law to the council was wrong and argued in support of the minority ruling in the council.

The draft law was endorsed by the Lower House of Parliament Sunday but Mr. Lawzi said govemmeot had the legal right to withdraw it if it chose so.

Mr. Lawzi said the council would not bold any more meetings oo the draft legislation because all attempts to reach a two-third majority failed.

The draft legislation is not expected to be tackled by the Upper House during this parliamentary session, however, since the current ordioary session will end on March 31.

If the government does not exercise what Mr. Lawzi said its legal right to withdraw the legislation, the Upper House is expected to reject the House's controversial amendment to article 5 of the draft law which gave teachers the right to stage strikes.

Observers said this amendment is the most alarming provision of the law because a teachers' strike would affect almost one third of society and put tremendous pressure on the government. "Rush is oot required in dealing with this law," Mr. Lawzi

said. The educational process should be protected from potenoal disruption, affecting one million studeots and their families,

## King deplores Israel's anti-Palestinian steps

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty eration and tolerance in this re-King Hussein has deplored gion.

Israel's 'erimes against the "Since the principles regarding Israel's 'erimes against the the protection of civilians during practice anywhere else," the King

"Perhaps one of the most disfrom their land that has created major difficulties in the path of the ongoing peace process," King Hussein said in a message he sent occasion of the International Day collective international action." for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

In the message, addressed to the chairman of the U.N. Committee on the elimination of Racial Discrimination, the King said that Israel's expulsion of the Palestinians had also obstructed attempts for coexistence, mod-

Palestinian people under its role racial discrimination are the and inhuman policies that flag- same, condoning aggression and rantly violate the Fourth Geneva racism in a certain area is nothing Convention, which provides for but an encouragement for this

Selectivity, he said, "does not tinct examples of such policies is the uprooting of 400 Palestinians mination and the faith and the will to work towards creating a better world dominated by peace, cooperation and moderation but also harms the credibility of those to the United Nacions on the institutions which are in charge of

'Observance of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination is an expression on the part of the world community to combat that resentful policy and a show of determination for collective action to

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## Palestinians upbeat over American letter; Husseini due in U.S.

By Wafa Amr Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — A Palestinian delegation headed by Faisal Hus-seini, leader of the Palestinian delegation to peace talks with Israel, will visit Washington this week to hold talks with American officials on the Middle East peace process and the deadlock resulting from Israel's expulsion of Palestinians in December.

Another equally important Palestinian objective of the visit would be to secure better terms of reference in the peace talks, Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) officials said Monday.

According to Yasser Abed Rahbo, member of the PLO Executive Committee and head of the Information Department of the organisation, the delegation's visit comes in response to an

Mr. Abed Rahbo, who left Amman for Tunis Monday after a two-day visit, could not provide more details of the American message, which was received by PLO Executive Committee member Mahmoud Ahbas and Mr. Husseini in Morocco on Friday.

PLO officials who spoke to the Jordan Times from Tunis on Monday sounded more optimistic after the receipt of the message. and voiced hope that Washington was slowly coming around to meet some of the key demands that the Palestinians have tabled as a precondition for their attendance at the next round of peace talks scheduled to hegin in

Mr. Husseini, who arrived here from Tunis Monday, also sound-

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## Palestinians say Israeli pullout from Gaza Strip unlikely, but debate issue

By Mariam M. Shahin Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - An Israeli withdrawal from the occupied Gaza Strip is not expected to materialise in the near future despite a beated debate in Israeli pohtical circles and Palestinian politicians, officials from the Palestine Liberatioo Organisation and Hamas say.

Calls by members of the Israeli parliament and cabinet for a withdrawal from the Gaza Strip intensified after a marked increase in violence from both sides of the Israeli-Palestinian

Israeli politicians appear to have less territorial attachment to the strip, which houses aboot 800,000 Palestinians over half of whom are refugees - than the West Bank and Jerusalem. The Israelis say in

"corridor dialogue" with the Palestinian negotiating team to the peace talks that they would be willing to disntantle settle-ments and "leave (Gaza) over

The Palestinian negociating team was told in no uncertain terms in round six of the talks that the Israelis were ready to leave Gaza, lock stock and harrel," a senior Ammanbased advisor to the Palestinian negotiating team told the Jordan Times.

Speculating why the Israelis may be eager to implement such a move, the advisor said: "The Gaza Strip is a troublesome area, hecause it is poor and overpopulated with re-Speaking on condition of

anonymity, the advisor said the (Continued on page 5)

## Islamist push against alcohol gains ground, but law unlikely before 1994

By P.V. Vivekanand Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — A controversial campaign spearheaded by Islamist deputies in Parliameot to ban alcohol m Jordan oo religious grouods appears to be making headway, but a law to impose the prohibition is unlikely to come into effect during the term of the current Islamist-dominated Lower

Manouevering by the conservative but secular government of Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker seems to have preempted immediate parliamentary debate and approval of a draft law on prohibiting production and distribution of a alcoholic beverages, but the issue could be picked op by the oext Parliament, which will be elected

The government will fulfill its constitutional ohligation by presecting the draft legislation to the Lower House before the end of the current ordinary session of Parliament on March 31. But the catch is, according to government insiders, there will be little time left for the House to discuss the draft legislation before it reces-

things stood one week before the end of the ordinary session.

And, if the Muslim Brotherhood-led Islamist bloc in Parliament wants to press the point and act upon the draft law, then it will have to do so in an extraordinary session of the legislative authority, an onlikely prospect as

Even in the unlikely course that Parliament is convened in

an extraordinary session, the House would be limited to discussing the topics specified in a royal decree issued in bne with a government recommendation, which, for all practical purposes, is sure to exclude the draft law on alcohol.

It is an almost foregone conclusion that the draft law will pass if it is put to vote on the House floor now since very few deputies would like to be seen "un-Islamic" by voting against banning alcohol, particularly in an election year. Indicative of the deputies

trends and political motivations were the facts that at least 11 deputies present in the country chose oot to attend the Feb. 19, 1992 session of the House which voted to recommend the ban on alcohol, and nine of the 63 who did attend

the debate on the issue slipped away before the vote was taken.

Among the few lawmakers who dared to speak out in the open against the Brotherhoodinspired motion were leftist Mohammad Fares Tarawneh and Fares Nahulsi.

According to a former prime minister, who preferred anonymity, the move by the Islamists is "psychological pressure."
"The writing was on the wall

since the (November 89) elections which created a legislative powerbase for the Brotherhood," be told the Jordan Times. "The key element in the

equation is clear: Very few Muslim deputies will stand up in Parliament and say out loud that they do not favour hanning alcohol. Over and above the policical considerations and argumeots against adopting such a stand, they also have to keep in mind that they woold be leaving the door open to be hranded an apostate or unfaithful."

The vote in favour of the motion imposed a constitutional commitment oo the government to prepare a draft law and present it to the House before the eod of the immediately following regular session of Parliament.

Mr. Mbeideen, an independent Islamist member of the Lower House, woold not make a definite comment on whether or not the draft law would be presented to the House before March 31.

"Let us say that the government will live up to its commitment and fulfil its constitutional obligation," he said. But, said an official source, "the government will definitely present the law to the House before the end of the current session, they (the deputies)

will have no time to discuss it." Asked whether it meant that the government had charted such a course of events with the predetermined certainty that the law would not see light io the present Lower House, the official said: "You can make your own deductions."

The finalised version of the draft law has to pass through the Council of Ministers before being presented to the House. The only regular session of the Cahioet scheduled hefore March 31 is oo Saturday and it is likely that the law would be passed then, but it would reach the House most probably on

Monday, when Parliament holds its final session before

The internal statute of the House demands that all deputies should have received copies of draft laws 24 hours ahead of dehate on the floor and that every piece of legislation is referred to the Judiciary Committee for its observations and recommendations.

"Unless the House chooses to disregard the usual procedure of referring all draft laws to its Judiciary Committee and hold a marathon session to debate and vote on the draft law, there is little possibility of the legislation getting approved before the term of the current Parliament expires," noted a parliamentary

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## U.S. withdraws forces from south Somali town

MOGADISHU (Agencies) ----The United States has withdrawn the quick reaction force it sent to the southern Somali town of Kismayu after an outbreak of fight-

ing last week.
U.S. military spokesman Captain Ed Loomis said the last of the 500 soldiers left the town at 4 a.m. Monday in a convoy heading northwards. Thirteen helicopters

have also gone. U.S. forces which had been in Kismayu before the fighting — an infantry company of 80 to 100 men and a military police platoon of 20 to 30 - have also withdrawn, he said.

The withdrawal leaves the whole of the Kismayu region in the hands of about 900 Belgian

The town of Kismayu, a large port 400 kilometres southwest of the capital Mogadishu, has been quiet since Mijarteen and Marehan clansmen drove out militiamen loyal to warlord Ahmad Omar Jess last Tuesday. The United States sent the

quick reaction force to deter further fighting and to help a military judge investigate the fighting, which violated a cease-

fire agreed by all militias. The investigation was largely a political gesture to Colonel Jess and his ally in Mogadishu, Gener-

al Mohammad Farah Aideed. Both hlamed Mohammad Said Hersi "Morgan," son-in-law of deposed dictator Mohammad Said Barre, for the defeat in Kismayu and said the U.S. and Belgian forces should have inter-

vened to preserve the status quo. The military judge, Colonel Frederick Lorenz, concluded that supporters of General Morgan violated the ceasefire by infiltrat-

Doctor given

al license and sentenced to 15

years in prison for his role in a sex

scandal involving police ahuse of

Dr. Driss Lahlou is one of

more than a dozen people, in-

cluding several police officials, to

be convicted io a case that has

A death sentence has been

Haj Mohammad Mustafa Tabet,

convicted two weeks ago of

coercing more than 500 women

and girls into sex acts and

A court Sunday stiffened a

sentence against Dr. Lahlou that

had previously been only two

years plus a \$110 fine after two

women came forward and ac-

cused Dr. Lahlou of various

They included complicity in

rape, performing forced abor-

tions, and reconstructing the

maidenheads of raped girls for Mr. Tabet. Other details of his

involvement were not disclosed.

Under the sentence, Dr.

Lahlou will lose his medical li-

cence for five years.
Prosecutors had requested Dr.

Lahlou receive a 20-year prison

term and the permanent revoca-

tion of his right to practice medi-

Mr. Tabet and several other

police officers were sentenced in

connection with luring hundreds

of women and girls into an apart-

ment Mr. Tabet kept for sexual

cassettes made over the all years

with cameras hidded in the bed-

room walls. Some of the tapes

were apparently distributed and

the death sentence.

Mr. Tabet intends to appeal

Investigators found 100 video

more than 500 women.

horrified this country.

videotaping them.

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15 years in

Moroccan

sex case

was impossible to say who started the fighting last Tuesday.

Gen. Aideed's group, the Somali National Alliance (SNA), pulled out of a national reconciliation conference in the Ethiopian capital Addis Ababa last Wednesday because of the inci-

Gen. Aideed's radio in Mogadishu said Monday that the SNA had asked the United Nations to extend the conference by two days to make up for time lost in a separate but equally inconclusive investigation by all the Somali

The conference was holding a full meeting Monday morning.
Capt. Loomis told Reuters that 50 to 100 armed Somalis on Sunday attacked a convoy of two international red cross trucks carrying food from Kenya to the town of Dohley, Sen. Morgan's current headquarters about 200 kilometres northwest of Kis-

The Belgian escort of eight to 10 soldiers was too small to fight them off so the convoy returned

"They're going to reinforce the escort with a platoon of Belgian troops and try to disarm the 50 to 100 Somalis if they can find them," Capt. Loomis said.

"Morgan's forces have been cooperative. In this instance they're working with us," he

### Lots of weapons

When 2,000 soldiers made a door-to-door search for weapons in Kismayu several weeks ago, it did not take long for the metal detectors to warm up in back

ing the town on Feb. 22 hut that it yards, sehoolyards and graveyards.

Assault rifles, machioeguns and grenades were dug np. Even heavy artillery was uncovered. "Anywhere you can wrap a weapon in cloth and bury it, it's there," said U.S. Army Brigadier Geoeral Greg Lile, who was forced to return to Kismayu last

week with reinforcements when

violence flared up again.

At least 10 people were killed last Tuesday and 51 others sought treatment for gunshot wounds. It provided stark evidence of how prevalent weapons have become in a country plagued by years of civil war.

Some officials have urged total disarmament before the United States turns over control of Operation Restore Hope to the United Nations, expected around

But some of Somalia's warring factions have argued that giving up their weapons leaves them open to attacks by bandits or

In the first months after the U.S.-led military coalition arrived Dec. 9 to safeguard food convoys to the starving, troops confiscated 5,525 small arms, 92 heavy machine-guns and more than 1.3 million rounds of ammunition, along with tanks

and armoured personnel carriers. Marine Col. Fred Peck would not even hazard a guess as to what percentage of the country's overall arseoal is still out there.

"I think we have made a dent," Col. Peck said. "The important point is making people keep them at home or buried. They will get used to not carrying them

## Somali shilling – a war currency on the rise

By Sue Pleming

Reuter MOGADISHU - The RABAT (AP) --- A gynaecologist has been stripped of his medic-Somali shilling is a currency on the rise in a street market

where money traders keep cash in cardboard boxes and warning shots hring unruly dealing to a halt. With no central hank — it collapsed after civil war began in 1991 - and no money market regulations, black

marketeers in Mogadishn are doing a roaring business. led troops last December to protect famine relief looted by gunmen, hard cash has

fattened the wallets of many currency traders. The influx of 28,000 soldiers, aid agencies and journalists has dramatically in-

creased the supply of dollars in the country, pushing up the price of the local sbilling hy more than 30 per cent against the U.S. currency.

"Before the Americans came the dollar traded at about 7,000 shillings, but now it gets about 5,000 shillings," a money dealer in the capital's hectic Bakara market

told Reuters. At the height of the civil war, the shilling nosedived to about 9,200 shillings to the

dollar, the trader said. The huh of the money exchange is in the centre of Bakara market. Heavily guarded by men with AK-47 rifles, traders operate in the open air, hauling wads of dollars and shillings from cardboard boxes.

When the crowd gets out of hand, gunmen fire shots in the air. Thieves are severely dealt with.

we find a thief we punish him and if he does not listen, we just shoot him."

declared the chairman of a nine-member money market eommittee, Said Shardi

Mr. Raage, who said he was a former driver for the Iraqi embassy in Mogadishn, said about 200 traders were "registered" with his body. Each paid about \$50 a day for a space in the pit.

As chairman, Mr. Raage sets an opening price for the dollar at 8 a.m. daily and a closing price at dusk. The week, but closes early on Friday to enable Muslims to go to mosque.

On Sunday, the shilling opened at 5,300 to the dollar, just 10 shillings off its closing price Saturday. After four hours of trade, it had strengthened to 5,250.

"The market operates on a supply and demand basis. There were too many dollars this morning, so the shilling strengthened," said one deal-

Small banks have sprouted up in areas near the central trading pit to fill the gap left by the demise of the formal

banking sector. Mahad Mohammad Issa, who was in banking before the war broke out, has two safes in his small banking shack, tucked away behind the open market stalls.

Mr. Issa does not keep ledgers and clients do not get bank statements. When a customer hands over money, Mr. Issa counts it and pastes a label on the bundle indicating the amount.

When the customer comes back, we count the money again to make sure it is all there. I don't pay any interest," Mr. Issa said.



Somali children are back in school with the help of U.S. Marines who pay the teachers (AFP photo)

## Algerians march against 'terrorism'

ALGIERS (R) — Hundreds of ing a placard against funthousands of Algerians marched damentalism. from Martyrs' Square in the capital Monday in a powerful rejection of violence and "terrorism" blamed on Muslim fun-

The "yon-ynn's" of women mixed with chants of "Down with terrorism" as young and old streamed through sunlit streets towards May 1st Square.

Other similar marches were being held natinnwide, called by politicians, trade unionists, emplayers, doctors, women's group and other associations.

In Algiers, the official news agency APS estimated the crowd at "nearly a million." Marchers took 90 minutes in pass. No incidents were reported.

Cries of "Neither Tehran, nor Khartoum — (an) Algerian Algeria" and "People and army with you, freedom fighter," — a reference to the war of independeoce against the French echoed through the streets. Iran, with Sudan, is widely

seen as backing fundamentalists who are blamed for killing some 300 members of the security forces in the past year.

More than 600 people have

died in the violence, and last week a former education minister, a doctor and a senior official were killed. "Wby have they killed them?

They are fathers of families. We are against the terrorists who are killiog the police, the gendarmes," said T7-year-old Lydia,

CAIRO (R) — Ibrahim Nafeh, editor of Egypt's establishment newspaper Al Ahram, was elected bead of the press syndi-

cate under a new law making it

harder for Muslim fundamental-

ists to control professional un-

The results of the voting which

took place Snnday were pub-

lished in Egyptian newspaper

Mr. Nafeh won the voting by a hig majority of 1,787 votes against his rival Mohammad Ett-

man, a magazine journalist, who

The new law - part of an

overall plan by the government to

combat the increasing influence

of fundamentalists - requires at

least 50 per cent of a syndicate's

members to vote in an election

Supporters of the Muslim

Brotherhood, the main political

opposition to the government of President Hosni Mubarak, have

won control of Egypt's main

syndicates in recent elections

Mr. Ettman told Reuters the

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often with very low turnouts.

for it to be considered valid.

Monday.

got 318 votes.

elected head of press

option.

damentalism. that more than 70,000 Algerians Another woman added: "The had handed their hunting doctor was well-known in the weapons to the police and gen-Casbah and helped many poor darmerie for safekeeping in the

Women wearing veils mixed with others in jeans nr dresses accompanied by children in pushchairs or on foot.

Mohammad Baaza, a greybearded 85-year-old resident of Algiers, said: "We are here to say this must stop."

Monday's march was the first mass public demonstration since grieving crowds filled the capital for the funeral of assassinated President Mohammad Boudiaf last July.

The government anthorised the marches "to allow citizens to express their reprobation and defermination to oppose terrorist assassinations, it said in a statement carried by the official news agency APS.
Pictures of Mr. Boudiaf mixed

with countiess Algerian flags and placards demanding "No pardon for terrorists" and "Glory to the martyrs of modern Algeria."

Shops closed and security was low key as marchers assembled behind placards and national

Just before the crowd started its march, APS reported that five gendarmes were wounded Sunday when they came under fire in from "an armed terrorist group estimated at a dozen people."

The group of nine gendarmes . fought off the attackers, two or three of wbom were believed to

have been wounded.

new law was not constitutional

and be hadfiled a lawsuit challeng-

Salama Ahmad Salama, man-

"Many who used to boycott in

"My only reservation on the

implementation of the new law is

that it makes it a condition that

elections must be supervised by

judges, which means journalists

are not trusted to carry out their

own elections," Mr. Salama said.

widely-respected Islamist who

was running for the board, com-mented: "We oppose the new law

because it is imposed on us."
"The new law violates human

Mohammad Abdul Koddous, a

aging editor of Al Ahram, said

the new law had pushed people to

the past are taking part today and this is an encouraging sign," Mr. Salama thid Reuters.

## Egypt's Al Ahram editor U.S., Iraq both press for public meeting on sanctions

seven areas covered by a night

Algeria is under a state of

emergency imposed in February 1992 after the cancellation of a

general election in which they

fundamentalist party, the Islamic Salvation Front (FIS) had taken a

commanding first round lead.

The party was later hanned and Interior Minister Mohammad

Hardi said in a newspaper interview Sunday there would never

be a pardon for terrorist and

criminals, including those who commanded them, "that is, the

In the second part of his interview Monday, Mr. Hardi hlamed

the FIS for Algeria's current situation, saying that the elec-tions had been "manipulated" and the FIS had exploited many

Algerians by trying to "present the coming of an Islamic state as the solution to their problems."

the fundamentalists," said one young marcher. Another added:

We are here in solidarity with

the families of victims of terror-

Trades union leader Abdul Hak Benhamouda told the crowd in front of the UGTA beadquara.

ters in May 1st Square:
"This march is the spring of the

new Algeria against those who

wanted to take us back to the

dark centuries ... We are ready to

sacrifice I.5 million martyrs not

"We are against terrorism and

ing it.
"You cannot practice democracy with force," Mr. Ettman said.
"Voting is and must be a personal NICOSIA (AP) --- For different reasons, both the United States and Ira; favour holding a public U.N. Security Council meeting to discuss whether sanctions against Baghdad should continue, the Middle East Economic Survey (MEES) reported Monday.

The weekly newsletter, published in Nicosia, said it understood the two countries were pushing for the U.N. meetings, which convene every two months. to be held publicly.

It did not say who its sources were, but the newsletter has good economic and diplomatic contacts throughout the region. Uotil now, the decision as to

whether sanctions against Baghdad should continue always has been discussed behind closed doors. The next meeting is set for March 29.

MEES said the United States rights regulations and is opposed to democracy," he said. "Members of any syndicate should have a say on the laws binding them." favoured an open session in order to give it a chance to reaffirm its policy that sanctions should be

## Amnesty accuses Egyptian police of shoot-to-kill policy

CAIRO (AP) — Amnesty International urged Egyptian aothorities Monday to investigate the killing of at least 20 Muslim extremist suspects as a result of an alleged shoot to kill police

The London-based organisation said human rights have suf-fered "serious deterioration" during a government crackdown against militants trying to Turn
Egypt into an Islamic theocracy.

An Amnesty International statement accused the government of giving security author-ities an "official license to kill

with impunity."
Major General Al Shamy, the Interior Minister's spokesman, denied police went into coofrontations with extremists ordered to shoot to kill. But Gen. Shamy said police remain on full alert, and will be especially so during the Eid Al Fitr feast that starts Wednesday.

"We do not start shooting first. The extremists start shooting. and we have to answer back," Gen. Shamy told the Associated Press. "When they shoot dead an officer, we have to respond."

By Associated Press count, police have shot dead 28 suspected militants since the begin-ning of March. This figure includes nine extremists killed in a shootout in the southern resort of Aswan on March 9 and 10 in the sonthern town of Assint last Wednesday.

In the same period, nine olicemen and three hystanders have been killed during police

Amnesty International said that since early 1980, "a pattern has emerged of leading figures and members of Islamic opposition groups being killed by mem-bers of the security forces."

The high number of deaths and

the escalated violence worry many Egyptians, even those women wore shorts.

angry about deadly blows extremists have dealt Egypt's important tourism industry. Of 132 people killed since the violence escalated about 15 months ago, most were suspected extremists.

"Amnesty international is con-cerned that the security forces in Egypt appear to be pursuing as shoot to kill policy...in the latest of the government's sweeping measures to crush militant Islameasures to crush militant Islameasures to crush militant Islameasures and the statement said measures to crush militant Islamic groups," the statement said.

It said a senior Interior Ministry official was quoted last Thursday as saying police "have been instructed to shoot to kill militants who resist security forces."

Such comments, Amnesty said, "clearly breach international standards relating to the use of lethal force. This looks like an official license to kill with impun-

Amnesty urged Egyptian au-thorities to "conduct an urgent review" of its policy and to carry out "prompt and impartial inves-tigations" into all the killings.

The Amnesty statement also denounced "mass arbitrary arrests, torture, long-term administrative detention, unfair political trials before military courts resulting in death sentences and killing hy security forces."
It said Amnesty also has conde-

mned "deliberate and arbitrary killings" by Islamic extremists. In a related development, an Egyptian court sentenced Khaled Mustafa Thabet to one year in prison at hard labour for stabbing three Russiao tourists, two women aod a man, in the Mediterranean port of Port said last October.

Mr. Thabet told the court he was a religious Muslim but not an extremist. He said be was angered by the tourists' revealing clothes as they stood taking pictures in front of a mosque. The

## Iran Mujahedeen pursue effort to befriend U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The sought persistently to reverse Mnjahedeen-c-Khaiq of Iran bas, bonght time on CNN this week to The Reagan and Bush adminisrun one minute ads showing alleged human rights violations ly because of its past and partly and terrorism by Iran and deout of reluctance to antagonise scribing the opposition group's Iran with whom it sought at vamilitary might and political agent, rights times an improved rela-

The ads invite viewers to join march to the capitol along with being hused and flown Washington.

The Mujahedeen, with its skillful public relations machine and persistent courting of media and politicians, has sought to make its mark on Washington for almost a

With a new administration, its leadership believes the time bas sor of terrorism."

never been better to gain American sympathics and support. If, indeed, President Bill Clinton keeps his promise to promote human rights and democracy around the world, said Mujahe-

deen chief foreign spokesman Mohammad Mohahessin, the only way to do that is to crack down on the clerics ruling Iran. And the only viable alternative to those rulers, Mr. Mohabessin said in an interview, is the Mu-

jahedeen. The organisation, the largest member of a coalition called the National Council of Resistance, has had thousands of its supporters inside Iran hung or jailed. But the United States has always regarded the Mujahedeen

as a terrorist organisation because it killed several Americans when it was fighting against the U.S.-backed Shah who ruled Iran until he was overthrown in 1979. The Mujahedeen contends the killings were carried out by factions who have long split away from the organisation, and it has

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But Mniahedeen leaders say in a rally outside the White none of these policies diminished House Friday, followed by a Tehran's aggressiveness towards the West. And they are hopeful thousands of Iranian supporters the new administration may final-

see it their way. That bope has been fuelled by U.S. allegations that Iran is behind a spreading campaign of terrorism against Israel and Arab governments such as Egypt. In fact, the State Department issued a statement recently calling Iran "the most dangerous state spon-

These accusations have found a new resonance among Americans since the World Trade Centre bombing last month, the most serious act of international terrorism on U.S. soil in 17 years and one allegedly carried out by Isla-mie radicals.

But administration officials, who have undertaken a review of U.S. policy towards Iran, predict recognition for the Mnjahedeen is unlikely — especially if the wave of recent attacks continues.

Nonetheless, the Clinton administration quietly has been nrging its allies to isolate Iran - by spreading the word that Iran is a bad credit risk and should not get foreign loans with which to stock its arsenals, said one official who spoke on condition of not being identified by name.

The current crop of foreign makers - including Secretary of State Warren Christopher and National Security Adviser Tony Lake — bas good reason to be wary of Iran. They all served under President Jimmy Carter.

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Home News

## Queen visits children's centres on the occasion of Eid Al Fitr

AMMAN (J.T.) — On the occasion of Eid Al Fitr, Her Majesty Queeo Noor, Monday visited the Social Institute for the Rehabilitation and Care of Orphans (SIRCO) and the Child Care

The institute, located near Al Ahli Club, houses 74 boys and girls, and the Child Care Home, in Bayader Wadi Al Seer, is home to 49 boys.

Both institutions are open 24 bours a day, 365 days a year, to accommodate those who are in need of their services. In the spirit of the Eid, the

Queen delivered clothes, shoes and educational games and toys

At SIRCO, Her Majesty was received by Minister of Social Development Amio Awad Mashaqbeb, and hy Director and Deputy-Director of the institute. Aida Awamleh and Rabiha Gba-

In a speech before the Queeo, Dr. Mashaqbeh said the SIRCO plans to expand its services to cover 100 children,

SIRCO provides food and foll accommodation to the orphans who are cared for by 14 female teachers and supervisors, the minister said,

Upon directives from His

Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, and in light of SIRCO's success, the ministry plans to set up a similar institute in the Mafraq region to accommodate 50 to

After inspecting the institute, the Queeo moved to Bayader Wadi Seer where she visited the

Receiving the Queeo at the cess Alia Al Faisal.

Child Care Home and listened to a hriefing on its functions.

Child Care Home was its Director, Amal Faqir, Queeo Noor was accompanied on both visits hy Their Royal Highnesses Princess Aisha Bint Al Hussein and Prin-

## Eid sales are down, say merchants

By Sausan Ghosheh and Samir Barhoum Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — As merchants complain of low sales, shoppers complain of the increases in the price of popular commodities during the Eid Al Fitr Feast, marking the end of the holy month of Ramadan.

Dowotown, streets were crowded with people searching to huy clothes and sweets in preparation for the feast, but few shoppers seemed to have made any

The Eid season is considered to be one of the periods when husiness flourishes for merchants. Yet, most merchants confirmed that their sales dropped between 40 and 70 per cent compared to

last vear. "Every year is worse than the one before" said Hassan Khalil, a

toystore owner. There is a huge difference between the quantity of products sold last year and those sold this year" said Talai Sohhi, a bouti-

Most boutique owners attributed the drop in sales to the timing of the Eid, which this year falls between two seasons.

They said they were confused whether to display winter or sum-mer clothes at their shops, and believed the same was true of the

people.
"We hrought winter clothes assuming that this year would be as cold as the year before, but it was not. People now prefer to wait to buy summer clothes," said Samer Darwazeh, a houtigoe

Another reason for the dereased sales, according to merchants, was the economic crisis

affecting most Jordanians. "This view was supported hy two shoppes, Abo Nihad and his wife Umm Nihad, who said they have bought oew clothes for their eight children, and this has left them no money to buy any for themselves for the Eid

In addition they said they are not thinking of huying sweets for the feast, instead, Umm Nihad might prepare some at home. Abu Khaled, a cashier at a confectiooary, said people oowa-

days 'tend to be economical and make sweets at home rather than spending their money in the mar-

This, be said, has resulted in a decline in sweet sales.

Meanwhile, reputable confectionaries deny that they have been greatly affected by the current economic situation, saying that the quality of products will always attract customers regard-less of the fioancial situation.

To further emphasize the declice in the standard of living of some families. Mr. Subhi described an incident where a man came to his boutique with his 10 children to buy clothes.

The man began to cry in the shop because his salary was only JD 100, which he said he uses for paying his monthly expenses. leaving him nothing for the Eid expenses," Mr. Sobhi said.

Customers perceive the main reason for the drop in sales to be the price bikes hy merchants prior to the Eid, a charge denied by all merchants.

Jamal Salah, a boutique owner said "it is irrational to raise prices in such a season because a good merchant believes in selling more

Mr. Saleb explained that "customers believe that we raise the prices because of stories merchants tell them. In order to sell the products for higher prices, we claim that during the Eid they were or will be higher."

Along with other merchants, Mr. Salah complained of the small profit they are earning. Most merchants attribute the sense among customers that

prices have increased because people's hasic expenses have risen while their incomes remain the same. This money shortage bas re-sulted io some parents buying for

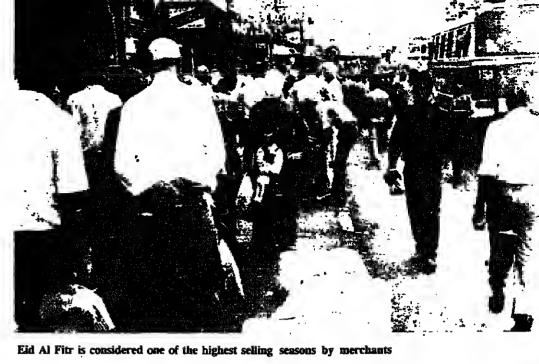
bought new clothes for his son. but for the first Eid in his life he bought none for himself. Store owners estimate that up to 70 per cent of their sales were for childreo's items.

the childreo and neglecting them-

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In addition, shoe sales declined, because customers say they cannot afford them.

Merchants have told the Jor-





dan Times that they hope their be an indication that sales this sales would improve in the up-coming days, otherwise this will

year will be extremely low. If sales are low during the Eid,

they will be low throughout the whole year, boutique owners

By Stephanie Genkin Special to the Jordan Times AMMAN — For many visitors. the latest exhibition at the French' Cultural Centre will be a journey into memories.

Displaying a sample of her private collection of traditional Arah costumes, Widad Kamel "- Kawar seeks to create an atmosphere of nostalgia. The hulk of inclie-work treasures inctudes relies from the villages of Palestine.

Mrs. Kawar's impressive exbibition, b. first in Jordan in 20 years, is merely a glimpse into her expansive collection of over 1,000 Palestinian costumes.

In addition to her appreciation of the workmanship and labour involved in each piece. Mrs. Kawar prizes each costume for

the memories they evoke. As a collector and exhibitor, she strives to preserve Palestinian culture and tradition.

The hrightly coloured and intricately designed dresses, some dating back 100 years, highlight the diverse and rich development of embroidery as an art form.

The exhibition emphasises the variation of patterns and symbols from village to village and the individuality of the dresses designed in the same region.

No two dresses are alike. The majority of dresses from Hehron, Bethlehem, Jaffa and Ramallah are cotton-or silkbased material with vibrant stitch-work reflecting the traditi... designs of each region.

U.N. General Assembly Resolu-

tion in 1966. It honours the mem-

ory of the 69 unarmed, peaceful

demonstrators, mainly women

and children, who were mas-

sacred at Sharpeville in South

The King said in his message

that he appreciated the commit-

tee's work in fighting racial discri-

mination in South Africa and

renewed the support of the peo-

ple and government of Jordan for

the continued international

efforts aimed at eliminating all

Africa in 1960.

King congratulates Pakistani

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein

Two outstanding costumes featured at the exhibition include a pair of velvet wedding gowns with unusual embroidery adorning the sleeves, sides and bodice.

The dresses are meant to be more than ornate; through design and colours they convey a message about the individual wearing

In addition to identifying the woman's village, the columnes may also indicate marital status, for example.

On such cress on display at the exhibition is from Sinai. The predominance of hlue stitched throughout the bottom of the gown meaot that the woman wearing it was available for mar-

But upoo marriage, additional colours were added around the periphery of the hlue design to show that she was no longer single.

Despite the enormity of ber collection, perhaps the largest privately-owned one of its kind, Mrs. Kawar knows the history and story bebind each and every

A visit to the exhibition will be enhanced by a guided tour from the expert herself, who is enthosiastic to share her knowledge

with the public. Mrs. Kawar first became interested in the traditional costumes of Palestine about 40 years ago, after a frieod offered her a

couple of old dresses and wedding gowns. the French
She was immediately taken hy March 30.

**HOME NEWS IN BRIEF** 

Monday sent a cable to Pakistani President Ghu- of Amman to convey his condolences to the lam Ishaq Khan congratulating him in his name Awamleb family on the death of Ahmad Al

the worn threads bearing the memories of a culture under

> Cherishing the skill and tradi-tion behind these pieces, Mrs. Kawar decided to devote her energies to collecting the costumes of the various regions of

After 1967, with the Israeli occupation of the West Bank, many womeo were selling their traditional dresses for needed mooey.

Seeking to protect the endangered culture, Mrs. Kawar, expanded her cherished collection, which she primarily exhibits in Europe.

After a successful exhibition at the Arab Institute in Paris, Mrs. Kawar published a book providing extensive background and his-tory of the traditional costumes of Palestine and Jordan which includes photographs depicting part of her remarkable collectioo.

The hook is published io French and is entitled "Memoire de Soie," which is a play on words. Translated directly it means "Memories of Silk," referring to the base material of many of the dresses. But the French

word "soi" means yourself.
The hook and exhibition targetted to Palestinians, though by no means exclusively, seek to rekindle a oostalgia for village life in Palestine. The exhibition of the tradition-

al costumes will be on display at the French Cultural Centre until

ment on Pakistan's national day. King Hussein wished Mr. Khan good health and happiness and

the Pakistani people further progress and prosper-ity. The King Monday also delegated the governor

## **More bomb shelters planned for Amman**

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The Amman Municipality announced Monday that it was planning to ensure suffi-cient bomh shelters in the capital in cooperation with the Civil Defence Department (CDD).

Finding that shelters have be come an essential element io a hoilding, Amman Mayor Mohammad Bashir said that persons wishing to build a house are required to include the construction of a shelter as a prerequisite to obtaining a building licence from the municipality.

reported a drop in the number of

betweeo March 13 and 19, com-

pared with the previous week.

No murders were reported dur-

ing this week, and only one was

reported the week hefore,

according to a PSD statement.
The Number of reported mur-

ders also dropped by at least 50

per cent with one case reported,

But the report cited an increase

in the number of burglaries and

car thefts, and said nearly 70

burglary cases were solved

through police investigations.

Fraud increased slightly to 10

the statement said.

President of the Jordan En-gioeers Association (JEA) Husni Abu Ghaida said that there is a decades-old law requiring each house to have its own shelter, hut the law was often not enforced.

Once home-owners had paid the fee for the licence, which included the prerequisite to huild a shelter, many went ahead and It homes without such shelters, Mr. Abu Ghaida explained. Also, many home-owners who

built the shelters used them instead as store rooms, he added. Mr. Aho Ghaida said that since the beginning of 1993, the concerned authorities have been trying to implement a new build-

PSD reports fewer total crimes

cases, nine of which were solved

According to the PSD remark-

cant decrease in the nomber of

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The PSD has issued a call to

the public reminding them that

festive firing was dangerous and

The PSD reported that a uni-

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ing code requiring all huildings or set of buildings to have shelters of their own. But he said that the regulations

have never heen applied and more discussions among the concerned authorities are to be held after Eid Al Fitr to reach a final agreement.

The mayor told the Jordan hat it was true that a has always existed requiring cial burdens on the public, the homes to have their own shelters, but, he said, the municipality's main aim now is to consult with the CDD on ways to reduce their cost hy huilding shelters that can benefit whole neighbourhoods in-

old man who swallowed a large quantity of tranquillizers. The

man has been undergoing treat-

ment at Al Bashir Hospital and

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A 28-year-old woman, said to

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sobstance in an unsuccessful

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According to the PSD, the

The PSD reported no other

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of sheep into the country.

attempts for the period.

"Should we reach a decision of any kind, the JEA would be asked to become involved; hut at this stage, this matter mainly concerns the municipality and the CDD," Mr. Bashir said. Inspections of homes around

the capital revealed that many of

the shelters were being used for

other purposes, the mayor said. municipality has been implementing measures to improve and modernise its services, Mr.

Bashir said. The mayor said that since the start of 1993, the municipality

French Cultural Centre.

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the fees for huilding retainingwalls, stairs and pavement are tobe shared hy the whole neigh-bourhood rather than being paid structures.

Mayor Bashir said he sent the CDD a note requesting a meeting to be convened by senior official. from the municipality and the civil defence to coordinate pro-

## adopted a measure by which fees cess of building shelters. WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

### **EXHIBITIONS**

\* Exhibition entitled the Memory of Silk, displaying traditional Jordanian and Palestinian costumes, shawls, carpets, pottery copperware, from the Widad Kawar collection - at the

## French Socialist party routed

AMMAN (Petra) — The Public cases, nine of which were Security Department PSD has by the police, it added.

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of the centre-right victory could create problems within the coali-

"The problem will be to cootrol and impose order," Mr. Perinaud said, noting that minorities within the right could be embol-

Philippe Seguin and Charles Pasqua, rebels within the Gaullist Rally for the Republic (RPR) who led the fight against the Maastricht Treaty on European Unioo last year, have called for a devaloation of the franc to spur growth. They could gain support f recession persists and unemployment mounts further.

Socialists and mainstream conservatives say the franc must be pegged to the German mark to reassure investors, curb inflation and modernise the economy. He said such positive steps

Experts said the right's tidal wave victory hid simmering jealousies between the alliance's two pillars. The RPR with 20.4 per ceot is

appeal for a fight-back on the second hallot.

Political scientists said the size

than its partner, the Uoion for French Democracy (UDF) with 19.1 per cent, boosting its claim

who headed the last right-wing government in 1986-88, has said he does not want to serve as premier again. Former RPR Finance Minister Edouard Balladur was said to be the leading candidate for prime minister.

The victory will give the right control of the government and both houses of parliament, set- left-wing oewspaper Liheration.

ting up a hrusing duel with Socialist President François Mitterrand who says be plans to stay on uutil the end of his second mandate in 1995.

The president intends to guide foreign policy, a role implicitly reserved for the bead of state under the 1958 constitution, but also to defend social welfare rights, which Socialists claim the right intends to dismantle.

Mr. Mitterrand "cohahited" with the conservatives, led by Mr. Chirac, in 1986-88. But the coming period could be far tougher. "Cohabitation will be much more difficult," said Calude

Estier. A Mitterrand confidant and socialist senate leader. Stripped of most parliamentary support. Mr. Mitterrand will have to pattle the cooservatives almost single-handed to defend the left's policies. "One man alone against the right," read a headline in

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The Jordan Times Monday published a notice of condolences as expressed by the Jarrar family over the death of

erroneously quoting a fax number of 9033 485505555 for

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Islamic faith and teachings which implanted in the hearts of the Jordanian people and the Arah Nation the spirit of tolerance, brotherhood and equality among various races and groups."

The observance of the day, the King said, "is a reaffirmation of the principles of democracy and human rights, and would enhance the hopes and aspirations for a quick elimination of the racial discrimination system in South

But, he noted, "this optimistic feeling is still marred by the

developments in South Africa since 1990 aiming at renouncing apartheid will create a convenient political climate for a successful national dialogue among various parties to order to create a united democratic society free of all forms of discrimination," he said.

were a welcome development, "giving encouragement to the world commonity to pursue efforts for a political settlement and negotiations until the aspired likely to win about 25 more seats objectives have been fulfilled."

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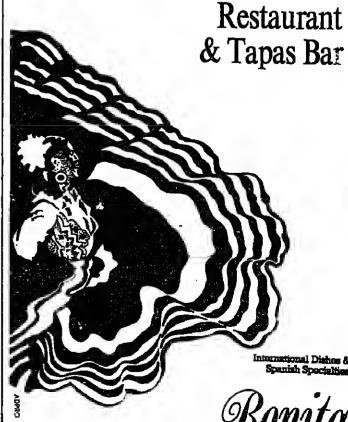
RFR leader Jacques Chirac,

But the UDF demanded its share of power. UDF leader Valery Giscard d'Estaing said that if the gap between the two parties was small, the permiership would be "an open question."

### -CORRECTION-

Stefan Mousa Abdul Ghani Jarrar

those wishing to send condolences. The correct fax number is 0033148559555.



By Rami G. Khouri

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## Troubles on the Nile

THE WAY the Egyptian regime is handling the threat posed by extremist Islamic groups is a recipe for more violence and a greater confrontation between the authorities and Islamists in general, which might spill over into the whole region of the Middle East. While we do not condone the bloodletting perpetrated by those radical groups against Egyptian targets, tourists and foreign investments, we see the counter-violence committed by the state as counterproductive in many ways.

Certainly, even if the extremist elements in the Egyptian society number 10,000 or 30,000 as the authorities claim, there is no justification for the security forces to shoot at will at worshippers and suspected hideouts.

The killing of extremists or non-extremists will not deter those bent on opposing the regime in Cairo. The fact that the extremists are using ruthless methods in their fight against the state does not justify the latter's use of the same ways.

A recent report by the New York-based Middle East Watch human rights organisation described in disgusting detail the condition of Egyptian jails that have not changed since the late President Anwar Sadat was imprisoned in them by the British authorities in 1946.

The report tells of people, accused of being Muslim extremists, who have languished in those jails for 10 and 15 years without trial or even charges brought against them. Those elements are being tortured and denied any contact with their families or lawyers.

It is a foregone conclusion that Islamic unrest in the Arab and Muslim worlds is the result of failure by successive regimes to address the concerns of the masses. Egypt, the most populous Arab country and that possesses vast resources, including oil and the Suez Canal, has failed to ensure for the majority of its people decent living and for the state its rightful place among nations. Egypt, which led the Arab World in the crucial years of the 1960s, blundered on almost every level, especially on the fronts of war and peace. Neither the war it led in 1967 nor the peace it signed in 1979 provided any solution to the problems faced by its own people or the Arab World in general.

What the Egyptian authorities should be doing, instead of killing its opponents, is to give more freedom and legitimacy to the mainstream Muslim factions, especially the Brother-hood, who can give tremendous help in containing the splinter groups and neutralise their threat.

Egypt should also start addressing the rampaint problems nd its gi should tackle the rampant corruption and also undertake a review of its regional and international roles. In particular Cairo needs to lead a resurgent Arab World into the new era that followed the Gulf war and resulted from the demise of the Soviet Union. It should start by using its clout to rally Arab ranks for a joint Arab stand in the face of the new challenges posed by the new world order.

Egyptian leaders should look at the current conflict on its soil not just with its immediate ramifications and implications. It needs to look at its present dilennua within its true historical context. History should tell Egyptian leaders that their great nation has been in slumber for long and that it is time the giant woke up.

Within such a framework the radicals and extremists of Egypt can be cut to size, if not totally eliminated from the

### **ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES**

AL RA'1 Arabic daily Monday commented on His Majesty King Hussein's interview with the Chilean magazine, Cosas, describing his views as comprehensive as they covered a wide range of issues of concern to the whole world. Not so many national leaderships have 'he courage to air the views, as put forth by the King who, the paper said, had touched on the sensitive matters concerning the international community. In his statement, the King was careful to issue a warning against the continuation of the present world policies which tend to overlook the events of the past few years in our region, said the daily. The paper described the King's warning as representing mankind's cry for justice to be established and an end to further deterioration in the world situation. In referring to the duties of the U.N. Security Council, the King emphasised the need for a more equitable representation of various issues that should be debated fairly and justly, urging the council to be an international organisation in the true sense of the word, serving the whole world community and not merely the interests of those powers that achieved military victory in World War II. the paper continued. Domination by the major world powers over the destiny of the world organisation is bound to tempt them to impose begemony over the whole world, the paper added. It said that these major powers have a serious responsibility for establishing world peace and security for all nations, helping to end all wars and conflicts. What is happening now in the wake of the collapse of the Communist empire, added the paper, is the exercise by the sole world superpower of its influence on the nations of the world, forcing them to serve its own selfish

Mahmond Rimawi, a columnist for Al Ra'i daily, said that something good has resulted from Israel's decision to expel the 415 Palestinians to South Lebanon. The expulsion has led to a pan-Arah consensus on condemning the Israeli crime and working towards fulfilling the national aspirations of the Palestinian people, said the writer. Furthermore, this issue awakened the conscience of the world community which has now realised the danger inherent in the occupation of Arah land. This, he said, was best ter ented in Security Council Resolution 799 which demanded the repatriation of the expellees. He said that the exprises of the Palestinians more than three months ago exposed further the true nature of the U.S.-Israeli alliance and prompted Warmen to call for an early resumption of the Arab-Israeli in order to find a way out of this dilemma. The expulsion, the writer added has unified the Palestinians and given officer momentum to the initifada in the face of Israel's apartion. He said the base move to deport the Palestinians

has embarrassed the American administration, which is now the confining policies out are bound to harm U.S. interests . I can only serve to emity Arah and Palestinian ranks vis-a-vis the common danger. The View From Fourth Circle

## The language of guns and knives

THERE IS a peculiar clarity in the language of blood, an incongruous message of hope that is hard to miss. The knives and the guns of Palestine speak loudly these days, and they speak of an impending peace. The sharp escalation in violence and death in Palestine and Israel during the last week will probably prove to be a good omen for progress in the Arab-Israeli peace talks later this year. In fact, I would expect this year to be decisive for the search for peace in Palestine, due to the convergence of three crucial trends since mid-century: the violence of the indigenous struggle in Palestine, the historical movement towards political and territorial compromise among Arabs and Israelis, and several crucial international trends that should prod a negotiated Arab-

The more audacious use of knives and guns by some Palesti-nians to confront the Israeli occupation is an historically significant qualitative shift in the nature of the Palestinian struggle for national rights. It is important because it comes at a time when Arabs and Israelis are (sort of) locked in a negotiation to resolve their disputes peacefully, and after five years of a relatively non-lethal, stone-throwing, street-based nationalistic uprising by the Palestinians against the Israeli occupation. The Palestinians' use of guns and knives now on an almost daily basis sends a dramatic message to Israel and to the rest of the world: We have reached the point of fearlessness, at which we risk almost certain death or life imprisonment, in challenging the Israeli occupation

In all modern nationalist struggles, this point of fearlessness was the crucial turning point in the struggle for independence and dignity. When the subjugated or occupied party no longer fears injury, jail, or death, the military power and moral frenzy of the dominant or occupying party lose their comparative advantage. This happened in many situations in recent decades, from Vietnam, Iran, the Philippines and Afghanistan, to Romania. South Africa, and Salma, Alabama, to mention only the most

The Israeli response to the heightened struggle for liberation by the Palestinians is pathetic, but very telling. The Israelis speak of an increase in Palestinian terrorism and violence, and they response by sending more troops to the occupied territories, imposing more stringent controls on the occupied Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza, and urging settlers and other Israelis to

We see Israel and Zionism instinctively resort to the three primal elements of their modern history that have only brought them further insecurity and violence:

1. Racism against Palestinians (and other Arabs) whom the Israelis will try to isolate as a convenient cheap labour pool that is somehow politically sanitized, nationalistically pacified, and militarily disarmed. This is an impossible task that was attempted and briefly achieved by many white South Africans, Rhodesians (Zimbabweans) and Americans against their own black popula-tions, and by the British in Asia and the French in North Africa; but it collapsed ultimately because it was an unconscionable and mutually degrading racist phenomenon that could not be sustained in the face of the human spirit for freedom. It will not be

sustained in Palestine, either, regardless of the guns that Israel commands, because the intensity of the human will to live in freedom and dignity is far greater than the calibre inscribed on any bullet in the hands of an Israeli soldier.

2. Militarism. The instinctive Israeli/Zionist use of military force has become something of joke, were it not for the fact that Arabs and Israelis alike are being killed almost daily. But military her because Israel calls further insecurity as hundreds. militarism has brought Israel only further insecurity, as hundreds of ordinary Israelis now carry guns on their hips when they leave their homes. Is this the sort of security that Israel claims to derive from its emphasis on militarism? Increasing the occupation battalions and using more severe tactics against Palestinians will only further escalate the Palestinian will to fight and to fight with increasingly lethal weapons.

If the current trend continues, it is only a matter of time before

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some young men poison an Israeli water source or take their antomatic weapons into a crowded Israeli street and shoot indiscriminately, aiming only to kill and injure as many Israelis/ Zionists as possible. This shall have been the logical consequence of a culture of militarism that Israel has not only adopted and championed, but also glorified and even sanctified. It will bring only death, not security, as we witness on a daily basis this week.

3. Turning to foreign support in the form of guns, money, and political protection. Israel has always been seen by the Arabs as an alien colonial outpost implanted in the Middle East by foreign force and design, and thus it has always relied on extensive support from outside the region to continue to exist in its present for. Instead of trying to establish its credibility and acceptance in the region by addressing the Palestinians and other Arabs with whom it must live, Israel finds it easier to portray the Arabs as irrational and violent Jewhaters who are also a threat to Western interests, and who must be confronted and checked by a combination of Israeli and Western power. The latest incarnation of this philosophy sees Israelis and Westerners, especially some Americans, fomenting intense fear of the Arab brand of Islam and Islamic militancy as a new global threat. It has always been

easier for Israelis/Zionists to use their power and influence to seek the backing of western politicians than to seek an accommodation with their Palestinian and Arah cousins and neighbours.

The Israelis turn to these three options yet again this week in what must be seen as a sad and pitiful cycle of their seemingly masochistic penchant for perpetual confrontation and violence. This cycle, however, is reaching an historic turning point, and the increased violence in Palestine in recent weeks is probably a

mcreased violence in raiestine in recent weeks is probably a harbinger of significant political change, because it highlights the mutual futility and suffering that result from hind death.

Change is imminent because of two other important factors. The peace talks that started in Madrid in 1991 are a sign from both sides that the current battle cannot continue, and should be resolved through negotiations. And, the changing geo-political scene in the rest of the world has vastly reduced the strategic importance of the Middle East. It is in the interest of the world today to reduce the Palestine conflict as a first step towards today to reduce the Palestine conflict as a first step towards to the palestine conflict a addressing the underlying causes of anger and tension in the

The cost of conflict in this part of the world, in political and economic terms, has become greater than the risks of peace for economic terms, has become greater than the risks of peace for economic terms, has become greater than the risks of peace for economic terms, has become greater than the risks of peace for economic terms, has become greater than the risks of peace for economic terms. most other countries (especially the industrialised North). Therefore the world will probably exert more pressure for a negotiated peace because such a settlement is very possible today.

The violence this week and month will be an important element in pushing forward the peace process, because it will highlight the untenable nature of the current occupation — an occupation that in turn highlights the untenable nature of Israeli/Zionist colonialism. It is ironic, but perhaps appropriate, that Yitzhak Rabin should be prime minister of Israel today and the person who has to confront the large dilemma that faces his people; that greater stress on military security increases the insecurity, of a people that now has to walk around its own country carrying guns and looking over its shoulders for the knives of the Arab people they occupy

Mr. Rabin was the man who used massive force in the 1970s and 1980s in an obviously futile attempt to quash the resistance that represented the Palestinian quest for national affirmation, and he confronts the same situation today. His resort to racism, militarism, and foreign support will not work. Only coming to terms with the reality of Palestinian national identity and the vitality of the Arab/Islamic culture of this region can provide Mr. Rabin, Israel and the world's Jewish people with the one element they have always craved but never secured in Palestine in mordern history - a normal existence, as one of many national communities living together in a region that has always accommodated them all within a framework of cultural and religious

If Mr. Rabin wants to go down in history as a great leader, he should put away his gun manual and take out his history books. If he does not believe us, he should listen to the language of the guns and the knives that he has spawned in Palestine.

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## Russia's pover struggle

### Security ministers will decide Yeltsin's fate

By Oliver Wates

MOSCOW - In the end, of course, it all comes down to which side the men with the guns

support.
Will the army and security forces back President Boris Yelfsin's rule-by-decree declaration

of Saturday night? Or will they side with Vice-President Alexander Rutskoi, the head of the constitutional court and the Russian parliament in rejecting the move as unconstitu-

If they endorse Mr. Yeltsin's plans for a referendum on who rules Russia and a new constitution, then the Congress of People's Deputies, the supreme

legislature, seems doomed. A new parliament would be elected. If they back parliament, then Mr. Yeltsin, like Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev before him, is politically finished.

Mr. Yeltsin effectively declared presidential rule on Saturday night, telling the 150 million Russian citizens that anything contradicting his orders had no

Parliament, faced with a death warrant, can be expected to issue its counter-orders, based on its position in the much-amended constitution. A clash between the two sets of orders will come. sooner rather than later.

Defence Minister Pavel Grachev. Security Minister Viktor Barannikov and Interior Minister Viktor Yerin were all appointed by Mr. Yeltsin.

Career officials in the army and police, they have been careful to avoid taking sides publicly. Mr. Yeltsin stressed in his decree that

he had ordered the military to stay out of politics. Military leaders seem desper-

order if necessary. ate to avoid the nightmare of a split of the armed forces, leading to civil war and even nuclear conflagration.

During the last confrontation between Mr. Yeltsin and con-gress in December, all three ministers appeared before the legislature to pledge their allegiance to the constitution. On the face of it, this would

mean supporting parliament and congress. But Mr. Yeltsiu left the door open for a different interpretation, seeking to justify his action by the need to defend the basic principles of constitutional-

"The congress and Supreme Soviet (parliament) declare any decision they take constitutional, nothing can stop them, no one can hold them back from lawless despotism," he said in his television address.

The constitutional court had failed to stop this, he said. Mr. Yeltsin's decree, according to extracts published by RIA news agency, repeatedly stressed his concern to preserve constitu-

tional order. The president is appealing to the body politic to put loyalty to himself as Russia's first ever democratically elected president above loyalty to a Communist-era constitution repeatedly amended by a congress dominated by ex-

Acting Parliament Head Yuri Voronin told reporters on Saturday that he had spoken to Mr. Grachev and Mr. Yerin and both had pledged to respect the constitution.

But a senior Yeltsin aide, who asked not to be named, told Reuters: "We have no concerns (about the two ministers), they are ready and waiting to maintain

Constitutional Court Chairman Valery Zorkin sounded a note of alarm in a brief television statement in the early hours of Sunday, saying he had been unable to contact Mr. Barannikov.

"This is the first time in iny experience that the security minister cannot be contacted via the special phone link. This makes me ask: Where was be?... It makes you think," he said. Even if the three "power" ministers support him, Mr. Yeltsin could have serious difficulties

making his referendum plan stick in Russia's increasingly restive regions and ethnic republics. Some republican leaders have already declared they will not bold any such vote on the grounds that it would infringe

their rights of autonomy and many others have doubts about Mr. Rutskoi said Saturday that the president's plan would lead to conflict and bloodshed, a view shared by many senior politi-

Mr. Yeltsin sought to ease regional sensibilities by declaring that his decree did not affect the federation treaty, a 1992 agreement guaranteeing the autonomy rights of the republics.

He also sacked several regional officials, including administration chiefs in Irkutsk and Novosibirsk, for breach of existing legislation. Whatever the outcome, Mr.

Yeltsin's move seems likely to force a showdown in the longrunning power struggle which has paralysed Russian politics, put off Western investors and hampered

## A war of taith

## Despite their dwindling supplies, Kashmiri militants wage their battle against India with the belief that God is on their side

By Raja Asghar

MUZAFFARABAD, Pakistan Indian Kashmir. - Commander Ahmad Hassan militants to win their armed struggle, Jihad, against India even if their vital backer Pakistan bows to U.S. threats and stops giving

"We did not consult America or Pakistan when we started the Kashmir Liberation Movement. We depend on Allah and with his blessing we will win this war," Mr, Hassan said in an interview.

But the Muslim militants, fighting for four years to secode from India, may have lost their most important source of support with a U.S. decision early this year to place Pakistan on a watch list of states allegedly sponsoring terror-

Both Mr. Hassan's fundamentalist Hezh-U.l-Mujahideen and the moderate Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) put on a bold face in distributing the risk to their armed movement:

However, caution, or fear of the U.S. threat, keeps the militants from any show of the arms or bravado they once displayed in Muzaffarabad, capital of Azad (free) Kashmir, the Pakistan-ruled one-third of their disputed

Himalayan region. India rules the other two-thirds of Kashmir, over which the two countries have fought two of their three wars since independence from Britain in 1947.
The U.S. State Department

said in January the Clinton administration would review within four to six months reports that Pakistan was supporting Kash-miri and Sikh militants "who commit terrorist acts in India."

. Kashmiris voice fears Pakistan's haste to persuade Washington it is not involved will deal a serious blow to the four-year-old uprising in India's only Muslimmajority state by militants seeking independence or naion with Islamic Pakistan.

Pakistan denies Indian charges of training and arming the militants, saying it gives only moral and political support to what it calls Kashmiri "freedom fighters" Militant leaders who just a year

ago would proudly show their fighters to reporters now refuse to be photographed with their weapons and deny the U.S. charges of training camps for fighters tucked among Kashmir's rugged mountains.
"We don't want to be called

terrorists," said an official of one militant group as he waved away a goard carrying a Kalashnikov assault rifle during an interview. Most leaders hotly deny that they drill fighters in Azad Kash- for Hezb Ul Mujahedeen.. which mir and insist the training takes wants the state to join Pakistan. place across the porous border in However, a few individual the path for those who wage

trained in Azad Kashmir by private instructors. Islamabad says the U.S. action poses a serious threat to relations etween the two longtime allies

but has expressed confidence it will not join Libya, Iran, Syria, North Korea, Iraq and Cuba on the U.S. terrorism list. Ties between Islamabad and Washington have soured since the United States cut off all milit-

ary and new economic aid to Pakistan in 1990 on the suspicion it was making nuclear weapons. But Kashmir has been an emotive issue in Pakistan since the territorial dispute erupted more

than 45 years ago. A government in Islamabad that tried to put a total stop to the flow of arms to the militants or restrict their activities in Azad Kashmir would be committing political suicide.

"I think the government is not in a position to restrict this movement." Raja Muzaffar, vicepresident of the pro-independence JKLF, said in an interview. "The people of Pakistan are very emotional about

Muzaffar called the U.S. threat unjustified, saying Kashmiris were fighting for their "basic right of self-determination" that deserved the support rather than the opposition of the world's

leading democracy.

"If the world wants them to lay down arms, then their basic demand for independence must be

The Kashmir uprising is a war

"Allah has stated in the Koran that Allah will open and facilitate believes God will help Kashmiri fighters acknowledge they were Jihad in his way," said Mr. Hassan, his bearded face masked with a cloth.

> "So far as resources and other things are concerned, we have confidence in Allah. Allah makes our task easy. We are not left helpless, our problems are solved

> automatically."
> Even if Pakistan stopped its political support to the militants, it would make little difference, he

> "We started this movement depending on our own power. We have to take it to its conclusion with our blood," Mr. Hassan

"No one can suppress a nation

that sees paradise in the barrel of the gun," said a colleague who declined to give his name. JKLF spearheaded the revolt in Indian Kashmir in which more than 9,000 people have been kiled, but later lost ground to the

Hezb, regarded by Kashmiris as

the main recipient of Pakistani

help.
The JKLF aim to reunite Kashmir into an independent state rather than join Pakistan has angered Islamabad.

The Hezh fought several bloody battles with the JKLF in the Indian-ruled Kashmir valley before the two agreed last December to set aside their differences for the time being.

"We have compromised against a common enemy add now there is no fight between the two groups," Mr. Muzaffar said.

Their first aim was to drive out India and to leave a decision do Kashmir's future to its people

## **LETTERS**

## Setting the record straight

To the Editor:

IN a news brief published in the Jordan Times on March 9, you attributed a letter sent to the Pope by the International Anti-Zionism Front (IAZF) to a local society against Zionism and racism. The letter sent to the Pope suggesting the creation of Vatican Arab committees along the lines of the Vatican Israeli committee was written by the International Anti-Zionism Front, which was established in 1989.

The front, which is headed by Russian professor Alexander Romaninko and represented in Amman by Mr. Marwan Sudah, is not connected to the local Jordanian society against Zionism. which was formed in Amman earlier this month.

We regret that you overlonked the fact that our front had sent this important message and attributed it to another society

> Marwan Sudah, Amman.

## Yeltsin camp claims support

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The 247-member Supreme Soviet standing legislature, in an emergency session Sunday night, voted 125-16 to ask the constitutional court to review the legality of Mr. Yeltsin's actions.

The United States and many other Western nations have endorsed Mr. Yeltsin's actions, believing Russia's democratic reforms are at stake.

Mr. Yeltsin's office said the president remained in Moscow ou Monday. His 85-year-old mother died Sunday in Yekaterindurs. and she reportedly was to be buried in Mosocow.

Mr. Kostikov lambasted Mr. Zorkin for criticising Mr. Yeltsin before conveoing the court to consider the case. The spokesman also praised the army for

staying out of the dispute. The population welcomed with understanding the president's proposals toward resolving the crisis," Mr. Kostikov said.

"The proposals voiced in the president's appeal to the citizens of Russia are finding a growing support in the country," he said,

without citing evidence. Public reaction bas been mixed, on Sunday, pro and anti-Yeltsin demonstrations each drew about 5,000 people. Reform-minded political groups and adminsitrators and some business people have endorsed the presidents' stand, whilke more bardline politicians and Russians oppose it.

About 200 anti-Yeltsin demonstrators protested in the rain outside the Russiao parliament building on Monday, but Mos-

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Yousef Al'Athem, a promin-

ent Muslim Brotherhood depu-

ty in the House, declined to

comment on the movement's

options. All be would say was:

We hope that the government

Pressed on how his bloc

viewed the government move

to defer the law until the 11th

hour, Mr. Athem said: "I pre-

- fer not to answer that ques-

.; Notwithstanding the anti-

-: alcobol arguments, any ban on

production and consumption

of alcoholic beverages would

economy, according to a study

The study, prepared by dis-tilleries and breweries in Jor-

- dan in a campaign to block the Brotherhood-led move in Par-

P JD 25 million were invested in

the industry, which employs over 700 people who earn JD 1

million a year, and paid JD 6

million in excise fees and re-

lated charges to the treasury in
 1991 in addition to earning JD

6 million in foreign currency

Beyond the economic con-

siderations, the ban was also

deputies Tarawneh and Nabul-

violation of "the freedom of

choice of individuals guaran-

teed by the Constitution."

Although many other Mus-lim and Christian deputies

agreed with this viewpoint re-

on grounds that it was a

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through exports.

liament, estimated that over

- made last year.

of Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker is

committed to its obligations.

cow's streets otherwise were

Mr. Kostikov accused Mr. Yeltsin's political foes of trying to "beighten tensions by basty and legally baseless actions do not find a response among the population."

The Constitutional court did not rule Monday on the constitutionality of Mr. Yeltsin's deci-

Mr. Zorkin beld out the possihility that a compromise was possible between Mr. Yeltsin and legislators. He said he hoped "the president will revise his attitude to the constitutional court and the congress of people's deputies." The constitutional court had begun an informal review before

the Supreme Soviet vote because it considered Mr. Yeltsin's address "an attempt to cross out the basic principles of the constitution, primarily the principle of the division of powers," court spokesman told the ITAR-TASS news agency earlier.

Mr. Kostikov dismissed the constitutional court's delibera-tions, noting "the hasty and un-ilateral stand" of Mr. Zorkin. "Thus, the chairman of the constitutional court has a priori

adopted the position of one of the sides, casting doubt on his own impartiality," Mr. Kostikov said. Mr. Yeltsin said he would ask voters to approve a constitution

to replace the Soviet-era charter, effectively disbanding the communist dominated congress and scheduling legislative elections. Mr. Kostikov noted that the

army was obeying Mr. Yeltsin's order to stay out of the political struggle.
"In spite of efforts by certain circles in the Supreme Soviet to

gardless of their persocal

approach to alcohol consump-

tion or abstention, they balked

and still balk at going public

al suicide if I adopt a stand

against banning alcohol," said a lawmaker well-known for his

controversial comments on the

House floor, "Most of my con-

stituents are lower-middle class

on condition of anonymity.

religious people and they would spit at me if I said I oppose probibition of the country," he added, speaking

According to a version of the

draft law published in the local

press, the legislation would

ban production of alcobol in

the country in any form and

revoke the beenses given to all

distilleries and breweries, and

familiar with the draft law de-

scribed as largely accurate,

said the legislation would pro-

hibit all importation of liquor

except for hotels and "tour-

serving would be restricted to

Distilleries, breweries and li-

quor stores as well as present

importers would be allowed a

period of six months to li-

quidate themselves. They can

export their stocks during this

The draft law also bans serv-

ing of alcohol at private parties

and lays down a set of punisb-

ment for violators ranging be-

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all permits giveo to bars.

"I will be committing politic-

with their stand.

draw the military into the confrontation, the army is preserving its loyalty to the law," he said. Mr. Kostikov praised Western man Mohammad Nazzai. A unilateral Israeli with-Push against alcohol gains ground

drawal from Gaza woold adversely affect energy and resources of the poverty-stricken strip and deflect attention from the West Bank and Jerusalem, said Mr. Nazzai, who is a spokesman for one of the few Palestinian groups which is not

a member of the PLO. "Some people might even think of announcing a state in Gaza because it would be the first liberated land of Palestine," Mr. Nazzai said.
"We don't want this to hap-

pen because then the Israelis and others would undoubtedly argue that Palestine exists in Gaza and make an international case to drop the issue of withdrawing from the West Bank and Jerusalem," Mr.

cludes dismantling the settle-

They will try to use their withdrawal from Gaza, which they badly want to do anyway, as a propaganda tool," said the advisor to the Palestinian

In return for this withdrawal they will try to obtain territorial concessions from the Palestinians in the West Bank

and Jerusalem." A West Bank "territorial settlement" that would include areas in and around the cities April 3-4 summit.

saying this demonstrated that the Senate minority leader Robert Dole suggested Sunday that Mr. Yeltsin and Mr. Clinton meet in Moscow instead of Vancouver, Canada, as schedoled.

Earlier Monday in Washington, Clinton spokesman Dee Dee Myers said the White House would consider moving the summit to Moscow if Mr. Yeltsin deemed it necessary - but had law Hugh Rodham, was asked by no current plans to do so.

the PLO Executive Committee

speaking on condition of

Israeh newspaper were accom-

panied by a map showing

Israel's version of a "territorial

settlement" with the Palesti-

nians. The map includes the

cities and environs of Nablus.

While no Palestinian official

involved with the negotiations

agreed to go on-the-record ab-

out the map, several admitted

that the map was what the "Israelis have in mind for the

be ruled by the Palestinians and the West Bank will be

'cantonised' according to the Israelis," said the PLO Execu-

But Palestinian officials say

that such a plan is a "maximal-

ist" position of the Israelis

which "will bave to change" if

there is to be peace between

the Israelis and the Palesti-

able to us. U.N. resolutions

242 and 338 certainly do not

call for such a solution," said

the advisor to the negotiating

While the PLO is worried

about what the West Bank will

took like once the negotiations

are finalised, Hamas is concen-

tratiog more on the Gaza

Worried that the PLO "will

send io a PLO-controlled

Palestinian police force" to run

the violence-ridden strip,

Hamas repeated its call for the entry of "U.N. peace-keeping

forces" into the strip to over-

was handed over to the U.N.

instead of a Palestinian police

force, because then we would

be assured of fair elections.

The rift between Hamas and

the PLO appeared to grow as a

PLO-Hamas dialogue came to

The PLO is not interested in

"We are not going to

"flattering Hamas" at this

court Hamas right now. We

bave to worry about the

Israelis and their plans for our

lands," said the PLO Execu-

The advisor to the negotiat-

"We can't withdraw from

ing team confirmed that the

Palestinians were in a "catch-

the talks because if they with-

draw from Gaza unilaterally

allowing chaos to rule and be-

gan an overnight boilding

boom of settlements in the

West Bank, we will have no-

thing left to negotiate by the

time we get them to a negotiat-ing stage again," said the advi-sor. "On the other hand if we

stay in the oegotiating game we may oot be offered more than

some cantons and such a soln-

tion will be opposed by our people and it will be contrary

to international law."

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22" situation.

said a spokesman of Hamas on

condition of anocymity.

a standstill last week.

"We prefer if the Gaza Strip

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"Such a plan is not accept-

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"Gaza will be vacated and

Palestinians."

Ramaliah and Hebron only.

A recent article printed in an

anonymity from Tunis.

### Palestinians debate Gaza prospects mind, said a senior member of

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political leaders who have expressed support for Mr. Yeltsin,

president's actions were "legally

President Bill Clinton said he has

no plans to change the location of

Mr. Clinton told reporters he

had "no plans to change the site

Mr. Clinton, who was in Little Rock to visit his ailing father-in-

the summit with Mr. Yeitsin.

at this time."

In Little Rock, Arkansas, U.S.

Palestinians now bave little doubt that the Israelis "will withdraw fully from the strip."

Yossi Sarid, Israel's minister of environment, called last week for a quick Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip. "Israel is not interested in governiog Gaza and will hand Gaza over, as quickly as possi-ble," said Mr. Sarid, a senior member of the Meretz bloc in

the Israeli parliament. Mr. Sarid added that such a withdrawal should come in the framework of a "peace agreement, and not unilaterally."

Palestinian politicians agree with the Israelis on the issue of withdrawal in the framework of a all-encompassing agree-

"We believe that a unilateral withdrawal from Gaza would be counter-productive to our interests," said a spokesman for the Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas) m Am-

"We want a withdrawal from the Gaza Strip to come about as part of a full-fledged framework for Israeli departure from all the occupied territories," said Hamas spokes-

Nazzal added. Talk of withdrawal, PLO officials say, is "very premature." They argue that Israel will use a commitment to "totally withdraw" from Gaza to obtain other territorial con-

cessions from the Palestinians. PLO sources believe that in the final analysis there will be, or there will have to be, a total Israeli withdrawai which in-

ments in the Gaza Strip.

negotiating team.

of Nablus, Ramallah and Hebron is what the Israelis have in

## reporters whether he would consider changing the site of the FBI said searching for new figure in blast

tre bombing had expanded to include an engiocer who has lived in Brooklyn and Iraq, according to a newspaper report.

New York Newsday said the U.S. Justice Department is looking for Musad Yasin in connection with the Feb. 26 bombing. "He hasn't been charged with

anything so I'm not going to comment," Joe Valiquette. spokesman for the New York Federal Bureau of Investigations office, told the newspaper's Sunday edition.

City records show that a man named Musad Yasin had a taxi driver's licence from 1984-1990. He was born in Indianapolis and lived in Iraq for four years, Newsday reported.

A 1992 New Jersey telephone listing shows a "M. Yasin" resid-ing to the same building as Mohammad Salameh, a man indicted in the bombing that killed six and injured more than 1,000,

NEW YORK (AP) — The list of Newsday said.

Abdul Kader Kallash, who is Muslim comactive in the city's Muslim community, told the newspaper that he had not seen Mr. Yasin in some time and that he believed

aothorities were looking for him. Salameb and Mahmud Abouhalima, another former taxi driver wanted for questioning by federal officials, were seen together at a New York area gasoline station the night before the blast, investigators told Newsweek. Mr. Aboubalima has

vanished. Mr. Salameb is being held without bail. The FBI is searching for Mr. Abouhalima, a 33-year-old Egyptian immigrant, whom authorities have described as a ringleader of

the bombing. Mr. Abouhalima reportedly fled New York on March 6 eight days after the deadly blast beneath one of the two World Trade Centre 117-storey towers and two days after the arrest of

Mr. Salamch.

## Israeli soldiers kill 3 in Gaza

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the bones of Arab demonstrators at the outbreak of the intifada. Three Palestinians were reported shot dead by troops Monday in the Gaza Strip. Arab reports said one victim was a mentally retarded 11-year-old

who was playing with a toy gun.
In the town of Khan Younis in the strip, soldiers shot dead a muezzin, a Muslim who calls worshippers to prayer at the mosque. Palestinian sonrees said.

They said an Israeli army sniper aimed a rifle with a telescopic sight at Jihad Mustafa Ali Sadek, 22, and shot him in the back while he was standing at the top of his mosque's minaret.

In the Nusseirat refugee camp soldiers shot Yasser Al Majdalawi, 23, in the chest after dusk as Muslims broke the daytime fast for the Holy Month of Ramadan, Palestinians said. He died of his wounds in Shifa hospital, they

Mr. Rabin replying in parliament to right-wing motions of no-confidence a few bours after a Palestinian walked into a high school in Jerusalem and slashed five pupils and their principal. . None was seriously wounded,

but it was the 10th knife assault this month, and it provoked vio-lent public retaliation and rightwing demands that the Rabin government admit failure and

Mr. Rabin's coalition was expected to defeat the noconfidence motions in a vote later Monday.

To derisive opposition heckling, Mr. Rabin said he was confident the Palestinians would attend the next round of peace talks April 20.

"I believe that we will get through this difficult period and that in 1993 we will see significant change, both from the political and security standpoints," he

Unlike previous prime ministers, who have portrayed Palestioian militants as a hardcore unsupported by the broad populace, Mr. Rabin's appraisal was blunt and sober. "Let's present the picture as it is, even if it hurts,"

"Let's speak the truth, it is a conflict between two different entities — religious, political, you could say national... most of the Palestinian public identifies with them (the attackers) and their

He said his government was

deploying up to 2,000 extra policemen, but "we cannot put a policeman in every place where a

stabber shows up. The 71-year-old ex-general indicated concern that Israelis were losing their will to resist, noting that the civil guard had fallen from 150,000 volunteers in the

1970s to under 50,000 today. Had the guard at the school gate been armed, as the law required, "the knifer would have gotten what he deserved," Mr. Rabin said.

Right-wing politicians called during the parliamentary debate for a freer hand to deal with

"Give the tools to the army and to civilians and give the people hope," demanded Benjamin Netanyahu, a front-runner for leadeship of the opposition Likud Party in a faction election set for Wednesday. The assailant, 22-year-old Nas-

er Hamdan Shekirat from the Arab suburb of Jabal Mukaber, walked into the J.F. Keonedy High School in the nearby Jewish suburb of Talpiot just as pupils gathered for class

Witnesses said he shouted "allabu Akhar" and began slashing with a knife.
The school guard overpowered

him, armed with a chair and aided by the principal, police "rescued" Shkeirat from a first flailing mob and took him to the hospital with a minor head injury. Police said Sbkeirat had a prison record for throwing fire bombs

After the Jerusalem incident, angry pupils and neighbours shooted "Death to the Arabs' and stoned Arab cars, Israel radio reported.

Mr. Rabin told reporters in Gaza a unilateral Gaza withdrawal, advocated by at least three ministers in his 18-member cabinet, was "out of the question today." A pullout would have to wait for a negotiated accord with

the Palestinians. Zimmerman, who also saw action in Lebanon after then-Defence Minister Ariel Sharon's 1982 ill-fated invasion, said:

"Sbaron kept us in Lebanon waiting for a peace treaty, but Israelis kept dying, and in a few years we couldn't take it anymore we just left, without a treaty.

without anything.
"It's just like Lebanon now,"
the corporal said, shielding his eyes from the brilliant Gaza sun.

## Lawyers of Egyptian cleric to boycott his trial

CAIRO (R) — Lawyers for Mus-lim preacher Sheikh Omar Abdul Rahman decided Monday to boycott a new trial set by the Egyptian government, saying it was part of a campaign to finish of Islamie militants.

"We have decided to boycott in view of the climate and the situation surrounding us .. which are unjust. In any case, they (government) will issue the verdict they want whether we attend or not. lawyer Adel Aymouni told Reu-

The government accuses Sheikh Abdul Rahman, who fled to the United States in 1991, of leading a militant group that has attacked police, Christians and tourists in a war to establish a

purist Islamic caliphate in Egypt. Three men arrested in the United States after last month's bombing of the World Trade Centre in New York have also been allegedly linked with Sheikh

Abdul Rahman. Mr. Aymouni said Sunday notguilty verdicts passed on the blind preacher and 49 alleged militants in 1990 after anti-government violence in the oasis of Fayoum bad been cancelled and the case would be retried in Sbeikh Abdul

Rahman's absence next month. The lawyer said Monday the boycott was "an expression of anger" at the government's decision and be and four other lawyers of Sheikh Rahman had

agreed not to attend. This decision is part of an

ists in the country are being hit. This is a war against us ... on what hasis they want to try Sheikb Omar in the same judicial court which issued a verdict proclaiming bim innocent three years ago?" Mr. Aymouni asked. "This a plot to incriminate

organised campaign against Doc-

tor Omar at a time all the Islam-

Sbeikh Omar. The ruling regime wants to destroy Sheikh Omar and his (Islamic) call. This is the main objective behind putting

him back to trial," he added. Mr. Aymouni said Sheikh Abdul Rahman had been informed two months ago that the government cancelled the 1990 verdict and decided to re-try him again. But the blind preacher told them he would not attend "because in Egypt they have no

respect for the law." Sheikh Abdul Rahman, who was tried but acquitted of blessing the assassination of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat in 1981,

fled Egypt after the Fayoum case in 1990 and settled in New York. If the re-trial finds him guilty, judicial sources said the government could seek his extradition. A U.S. court has already ruled that he should not have been granted a residence permit.

The Egyptian government mounted an all-out war on militants this month, killing 28 suspects in raids and putting 49 on trial in a military court for attacks on foreigners that have ravaged the tourist industry.

## Palestinians upbeat after U.S. letter

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ed upbeat. "We expect things to move within the coming few days," he told the Jordan Times without claboration.

Mr. Husseini said the Palestinian side had responded to Friday's American message affirming the delegation's visit to Washington and covering "some of the points tackled in the letter from the U.S." The exchange of message was done through the

American ambassador in Tunis. The Palestinian reply, Mr. Husseini said, "includes the requirements which we view as most necessary for the success of the peace process."

Mr. Husseini said the American letter "indicated that-some positive measures would be taken

soon. Tunis-based PLO officials said the American letter urged Palestinians to seize "the historic chance of achieving peace" and offered reassnrances that Israeli Prime Minister, Yitzhak Rabin, wbo beld talks with President Bill Clinton and Secretary of State Warren Christopher in Washington last week, was "serious in his approach towards the peace pro-

The American letter also expressed Washington's concern to ensure that progress is made on all tracks of negotiations between israel and the Arabs, and assured the Palestiniaos that separate peace treaties between other Arab parties and Israel outside the framework of a comprehensive peace agreement were not

likely.

A similar American letter was also delivered to other Arab states such as Morocco and Egypt, which were exerting efforts to bring the Americans and Israel to approve a six-point compromise deal formulated and agreed in principle between Palestinians and Mr. Christopher during his visit to the Middle East last month.

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The deal, aimed at defusing the expellee crisis which has stalled the peace process, included Palestinian demands for Israeli commitments not to resort to expulsion in the future and to the principle of land in exchange for peace as enshrined in U.N.

Security Council resolutions 242 and 338. Mr. Husseini and other Palestinian delegates accompanying him to Washington "will seek to follow up on the demand concerning 242 and 338, and thus improve x the terms of reference for the peace talks," said a Tunis-hased

PLO official. The official said the Palestinians were informed through ithird parties that Israel would n refrain from expelling Palesti- r. nians, but that its commitment y would remain unannounced. He n also said that Israel would accept at speeding up the return of the 400 1expellees and might increase the number of the first batch of ex-

pelices allowed to return from the 101 it has proposed. According to Mr. Abed Rabbo, "the Palestinian delegation will discuss the expellee crisis 1with American officials and seek = unequivocal assurances that Re- 0 solution 242 applies to all occu-

pied Palestinian territories, including Jerusalem."
While Mr. Abed Rabbo declined to elaborate further, the Tunis-based PLO officials said the Palestinians were not insisting that Israel undertake such a com-

mitment to 242 in public. They (Israelis) could provide a American-arranged guarantee d to this effect and we would accept

it." the official said. Parallel to the Washington talks, representatives of Jordan, Syria, Lebanon and the Palestinians will meet in Damascus to come up with a collective response to the American-Russian

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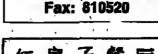
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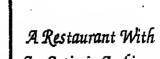


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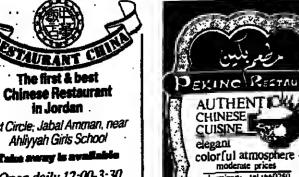




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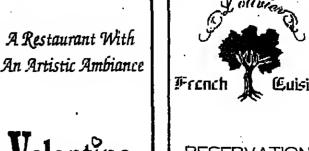


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## Jordan meets Malaysia in Davis Cup playoff

By Alcen Bannayan opecial to the Jordan Times

ANIMAN - Jordan's national lannis team Friday meets its Malaysian counterpart in the playoff of the 1993 Davis Cup competition.

The Kingdom's team lost to Iran in February in the first round of the competition. Iran won 5-0 and qualified for the second wind in which they will face Coma-

The matches against Malaysia, held under the patrenage of her Majesty Queen Noor at the Jordan Tennis Federation (JTF) courts, March 26-28, are of utmost importance for the Jordanian team, as the winner will sercure a place in the Asia-Oceania Zone Group 2 while the loser will be relegated to Group 3 in 1994.

Malaysia beat Jordan in the two previous Davis Cup meets. They won 5-0 in 1990 and 4-1 in 1992.

In the first round matches against Iran, the Jordanian team seemed to lose its rhythm after the first day of competition. Jordan's top-ranked Hani Ai Aii suffered a muscle cramp after he was leading the mutch, Ali later pulled out of the doubles team with teammelc Imad Abu Hamda. The younger members of the team. Faris and Laith Al Azzouni were no match for the older, more experienced Iranian

Milan finally upset

ROME (R) — The gods of Italian soccer, AC Milan, have finally been forced to rejoin the earth-bound ranks of the lesser mortals of

Having been shorn of the Cown of invincibility in an Italy cup

Their 1-0 loss dor, .nated Italy's sports pages Monday, with Milan

C. lombian Fausto Asprilla will be remembered was the man who

His 58th minute direct free-kick was all that separated the teams,

but it was enough to earn Parma a famous victory and ensure Milan

failed to negotiate a second successive season without a league

I ma coach Nevio Scala had no doubt that his side deserved it.

"Ou: win against Milan was on the cards, and I don't say that out of

presumption hut simply because the side is in great form at the

Itanian record after their use deleat at Bari May 19, 1991, have been

in excellent form recently and last week reached the semifinals of the

Asprilla also score in a - cracular goal in Parma's 2-0 win over

They were deprived by injury of Dutch trio Marco van Basten, Frank Rijkaard and Ruud Gullit plus Croat Zvonimir Boban and

Milan, certain to capture the League title and favourites for the European Cup, also had their strength sapped by the sheer number

of matches they had to play.

They lost their first competitive match for 11 months when Roma beat them 2-0 in an Italian Cup semifinal first leg and were held 2-2 at

Milan coach Fabio Capello, asked if he felt defeat would remove a

"Defeats are not liberating. I prefer victories which charge you

Milan continue to lead second-placed Internazionale by an

Inter, however, produced another shock result with a 2-0 away win

Goals from Uruguyan Ruben Sosa and Russian Igor Shalimov in

the opening 21 minutes put the game beyond Juventus, who started

without the injured Pier Luigi Casiraghi, Roberto Baggio and

against a Juventus side which had reached the semifinals of the UEFA Cup with a 3-0 midweek win against Portuguese side Benfica.

Juventus patron and Fiat president Gianni Agnelli was bitterly
disappointed at his side home defeat and said: "It will take Juventus

esychological weight and free Milan to once again play their best

up," he said.
"However, it had to happen one day. We'll start off again from

In recent weeks, their imperious

Roberto Donadoni, Gianluigi Lentini and

in graduatry rempered by the loss of injured stars.

Parma, irre-table the time cam Milan beat at the start of their

'daily "Corrière" "Ila Sera" heralding "The fall of the gods." Sports daile "Gazzetta Dello Sport" said "Milan come down to Earth."

match 10 days earlier, Milan's home defeat by Parma Sunday ended their record run of 58 urleaten league games and killed off their

dream of remaining in nortal for another season.

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Yousef Oreibi

At the time, team members and coaches said that they were not well prepared to play 5-set matches. The team also complained that they did not have any warm up matches against other teams prior to meeting the semi-professional

After their disappointing result against Iran, team head coach Yousef Oreibi stressed the importance of upgrading the players' physical fitness. According to ITF official Jamal Nafa' that is what the team has been doing for the past month.

Nevertheless, and despite the players' previous com-plaints of the lack of friendly matches prior to actual competition, the team has only had regular training sessions, but no friendly matches.

Jordan's second ranked Abu Hamda Monday told the Jor-dan Times that the players had been training as much as they could, but added that he would have preferred to be better prepared against a team like Malaysia.

Abu Hamda, who is a fifth year medical student at the University of Jordan said he was quite hosy with his studies, and had been training regularly for the past three weeks.

The Jordanian team now comprises Ali, Abu Hamda, Faris Al Azzouni and Saleh Bushnaq. The team captain is Dr. Hanna Kawar.

The Malaysian team will be without top-ranked Adam Malek. The team includes Ramayah Ramachandran, Ter-ence Chia, Rahizam Abdul Rahim and Shnane Gool, the team captain is Mohammad Khairuddin Baharom.

Officiating the matches will be International Tennis Federation referee George Grime from Britain.

### Skah not selected for cross country championships

RABAT (R) - Olympic 10,000 metres champion Khalid Skah will not be crossing swords with his arch Kenyan rivals in the world cross country cham-pionships, according to a Moroccan paper.

The semi-official Daily Le Matin said Monday the two-times former world crass country champion had not been selected for this month's World Championships in Spain.

ionships in Spain.

Skah, winner of the cross country title in 1990 and 1991 and fourth 1 to 1 to f Kenya in Boston last year, threatened last month to boycott the chamnionships upless the Moropean Feder Lineau him a

in Bacc. He aid not compete in the World Indoor Championships in Toronto earlier this month which unless the Moroccan Ata: -s

Federation resolved the dispute over the Olympic bonus. Skah won the Olympic 10 000 metres in Barcelona amid con-

troversy after being initially disqualified in favour of Kenya's Richard Chelimo.

Le Matin said Skah, who trained recently at the French resort of Font Romeu in the Pyreness, was "not selected and his name is not on the list sent to the organisers Thursday."

## The 10-day tournament had been plagued by a multitude of problems — wind, rain and a play for parts of two days. But the fioal was played under blue skies his left leg wrapped because of his Sampras, who will have the next two weeks off before heading to the Japan Open in Tokyo. "It's

Pete Sampras

tried everything but could not the first set. "I was rushing a little bit too much in the beginning," said Sampras. "I was going for the big shots and was making too many

Sampras beats Washington

in Lipton final

Washington failed to take advantage of eight break point opportunities in the match.
"I think it would have made a

"I thought he passed well to-day," said Washington, who has won only one set from Sampras in difference if I converted on one five meetings. "He was passing pretty well on both sides, espeof the early break points," said Washington, who also was a finalist at Auckland, New Zealand, in Sampras struggled to find his rhythm in the beginning; offering Washington two break points in January. "When he's rolling, he's rolling. I just wasn't able to break

Sampras served 49 aces during

the tournament - six in the final. Although Sampras was not happy with his serve Sunday, it came through when he needed it.

Washington helped Sampras capture his first break opportunity by hitting a forehand long at 15-40 in the sixth game of the first set. A forehand volley on his second set point in the ninth game put Sampras ahead.

Sampras raced to a 4-0 lead in the second set, despite facing three break points in the foorth game. At 0-40, Sampras found five big serves - the last two points were an ace and service winner - to save the game.

## HOROSCOPE

FORECAST FOR TUESDAY MARCH 23, 1993

By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation GENERAL TENDENCIES: Get

out into the business world early today and avoid arguments on the home front. Be sure to dress well so that others will be impressed and get those new interests in gear so you can start enjoying them.

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) If you don't let an obligation gel in the way of your progress you will to gain your fondest aspirations.

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) Your base of operation can be greatly improved if you keep away from a demanding person who likes to comfront you with un-

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) Now your mind is working over-time on the ways and means to get out in the world and get contacts there to give you a boost where you need it.

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) You have a day to consider best how to add to your revenue and your assets but can be beld back if you if you go off to frivo-

LEO: (July 22 to August 21) Your charm is high, your ideas for gaining whatever is of a personal nature that you desire and only by sitting around the house lazing do you miss out on benefits.

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) Get off by yourself for awhile and consider what your most

potential opportunities can be by adoptiog a greater breadth of vision, less focus upon details.

LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) Consider seeing as many of your friends and acquaintances as possible and getting them interested in a personal project that means a great deal to you.

SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) A good day to get those outside responsibilities that may not turn you on but that must be done sometime and forget your own personal urges.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) A day to be off and away to all sorts of new interests and contacts that you add to your growth and development, sidestep a thomy problem.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) If you don't pursue some long time wish that is not yet maturing you will be able to get all sorts of interests of a constructive nature well attended to. AQUARIUS: (January 21 to Febru-

ary 19) You need to show an outside associate that you pay attention to that persons ideas and activities now and don't get involved with a bitter higwig.

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) You have many good ideas for increasing the harmony and the operative skill at your surroundings so stay close and perfect these

And

## THE BETTER HALF. By Glasbergen MARRIAGE COUNSELOR

"Know where we went wrong? We never should have ended our first date!"

## Mansell says he has much to learn after Indy win

SURFERS PARADISE, Austra-fia (R) — Nigel Mansell added a few more chapters to motor racing's record books Sunday but said he still has a lot to learn

KEY BISCAYNE (R) - Pete

Sampras shrugged off the effects

of painful shin splints Sunday to

overpower 14th-seeded Malivai

Washington 6-3, 6-2 m an all-

American final at the \$3 million

stadinm court whose surface be-

gan peeling off and interrupted

and Sampras shined bright in the

The second-seeded Sampras.

ranked number two in the world,

earned \$208,900. Washington re-

Sampras played the match with

"I felt it quite a lot," said

gotten worse and worse on the

hardcourt with the pounding and

Sampras also complained ab-

out not getting enough foot sup-

port from his tennis shoes but

said: "My job is to go out and

play. Playing with pain is not a lot

The 18th-ranked Washington

match up to Sampras. He attemp-

ted to make his mark at the net.

but Sampras would pass him with

ease. He stayed at the baseline in

an effort to rally, but Sampras

woold take the initiative and.

both the first and third games of

move to the net.

cially the forehand."

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ceived \$110,000 as runner-up.

shin splints, a chronic injury.

one-hour 23-minute final.

Lipton Championships.

about driving an Indycar. After a victorious Indycar debut in the Australian Grand Prix, the tenacious British driver said the next race in Phoenix, Arizona. April 4 is a venture into the

There's a lot to learn. You can't compare it to anything that Formula One does," he said.

Mansell made a stunning start to his indycar career, winning the 65-lap race through the streets of this Queensland holiday resort in a record time of just over one hour 52 minutes.

On pole after setting a lap record during the qualifying ses-sion, Mansell became the first rookie driver to win his first Indy Grand Prix since the late Graham Hill won the Indianapolis 500 in

1966. It was also the 1992 Formula One champion's first victory on Australian soil.



Nigel Marsell of the Australian Inducer factor orie

"I can't remember the last time I enjoyed racing like that," a jubilant Mansell told reporters. Mansell now moves from street

circuits to the nigh speed one-mile oval raceway at Phoenix. "It's a different science on an

oval and that's going to be the biggest challenge in two week's time. At least the road circuit is similar to what I've known all my career.

Mansell said he would go to Phoenix with an open mind. "It

In reason by competure in be happy and if I'm not I've got to work harder.'

Emerson Fittipaldi, who finished five seconds behind Mansell Sunday after a tough duel, said his rival would find oval racing a challenge.

"It is a very demanding, very intense type of driving," said the Brazilian, who switched to Indycars in 1984 after two Formula One titles.

## JUNE THAT SCRAMBLED WORL SAME Unscramble these four Jumbles, 60 **ENMOY**

TOFLY SLUDOH WHAT SWISS CHEESE CERTAINLY IS.

DAWMOE Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print answer here: Jumbles: PAUSE LEAVE CANINE PLEDGE Answer: How do you divide six apples equally among five kids?—APPLESAUCE

### Peanuts

## THAT LITTLE RED HAIRED GIRL 15 AT THE DOOR ..







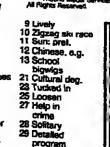
### **Andy Capp**



## Mutt'n'Jeff



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## **GOREN BRIDGE**

D IS FOR DECEPTION IN DIAMONDS

three years to once again become a great side."

Q 6 EAST WEST + A 10 9 5 4 SOUTH 4 K 8 7 3 The bidding:

North East South West 2 7 4 % Poss 1 4 Pass Opening lead: King of v

There is a story in the Bible that contains a misprint. The Israelites did not have to make bricks out of straw. An Egyptian decree forced them to defend against contracts bid by the Pharnoh with very few high cards. It was tricks that they had to manufacture. Here is a case

As was always the case, the Pharach became declarer, this time at four hearts. Since the sarring notrump response had not yet ocen

North-South vulnerable. North invented, the Egyptians conducted the type of old-fashioned auction that would not be duplicated by to-

day's "sophisticated" experts. West led the king of diamonds, and the Israelite sitting Eest was rather dubious about prospects for defeating the contract. Since the Pharaoh was known as a fairly reli-West held any significant high card outside the diamond suit, so it seemed that two diamond tricks a the ace of clubs were all that was due the defenders, since the king of hearts was clearly finessable.

After a moment's reflection. East came to the conclusion that the nine of hearts could perform the key role in a winning defense—if declarer could be lured into wasting one of the table's trump honors. So East followed with the right of diamonds to the first trick, and completed an echo with the deuce at trick two. West obliged by leading a third round the suit.

T' K rof all Egypt gazed at East i.i. low suspiciously. Fear-ing to its ard in dummy lest a ruff with the one of trumps force the ace and promote the king, declarer ruffed with the tep. Now East had a sure trump trick no matter what.

## Crises over franc, trade may await French right

PARIS (R) — The conservative the ERM and EMU are kaput," coalition cruising to victory in France's parliamentary elections can expect a baptism of fire over its policy toward the franc and talks to liberalise world trade, independent economists say.

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y forces.

They said both issues, if mishandled, could set off a crisis within the European Community (EC), possibly derailing the EC's lans for a single currency and utting great strain on the Parissonn alliance that is at the heart of the 12-nation bloc.

The immediate challenge for the conservatives, which trounced the ruling Socialists in Sunday's first round of voting for the National Assembly, will be to stand by a campaign pledge to pursue the policy of the "frane

fort" (strong frane). Edouard Balladur of the Gaullist Rally for the Republic (RPR), tipped to be prime minister if the RPR maintains its lead over its Union for French Democracy (UDF) partner in next Sunday's run-off, has vowed not to devalue or float the franc.

But financial markets are sceptical that the new government will endure the high interest rates needed to keep the franc on a par with the mark when unemployment is brushing three million.

Paul Horne, an economist with U.S. brokers Smith Barney in Paris, said the stakes of the looming trial of strength with the markets were buge. "If they pull out of the franc fort policy, then

## Saudis find first onshore oil and gas in northwest

DUBAI (R) — Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Hisham Nazer said the kingdom has discovered its first onshore oil and gas field in the northern Red Sea coastal

He did not disclose the size of the find, but added that further exploration and surveys would be carried out to determine the

The Saudi Press Agency (SPA) quoted Sheikb Nazer as saying the field, in the Medin area northwest of the industrial portage; Yanbu, was the "first onshore one discovered in the northern coastal part of the Red Sea in the

Most of Saudi Arabia's oil wealth is located in the eastern and central parts of the country. Sheikh Nazer said oil. gas and condensates were found in the

be said.

The exchange rate mechanism (ERM), which pins most Community currencies in set bands, is the building block of the EC's bold plan for economic and monetary union (EMU) enshrined in the Maastricht treaty on closer European integration.

Mr. Horne sees no more than a 40 per cent chance of the conservatives' severing the link to the mark, but be said they might be forced initially to raise interest rates to establish their market

On the face of it, the new government's position on the long-running trade talks organised by the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) has nothing to do with the franc.

But, if it upsets Bonn by refusing to endorse a GATT deal, some economists said Germany's vitally necessary support — both verbal and financial - for the strong franc could falter. They must be careful not to

drive such a rift between them over GATT that the Germans don't want to cooperate on issues such as the franc," said Jonathan Hoffman of investment bouse Credit Suisse First Boston in Lon-

German Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel last month criticised outgoing Prime Minister Pierre Beregovoy's demand to restart the seven-year-old GATT talks from scratch and his pledge to mers.

tween the United States and the

"We bave shown solidarity with France almost to the point of self-denial. Now it's up to France to show solidarity with Germany, which is especially dependent on

free trade," he said.

Mr. Kinkel, sounding more conciliatory, said Monday he was sure Paris and Bonn would continue to work well together. But the fact remains that RPR

leader Jacques Chirac bas, if anything, taken an even tougher line than the Socialists on GATT, saying he was ready for a showdown with Washington and a crisis within the EC if necessary to protect French farmers. Is Mr. Chirac, a wily former

prime minister, bluffing? "With all the emotional talk, I don't see how they can avoid a veto on GATT," a European diplomat in Paris said. "I think they might be prepared to create a European crisis."

But Mr. Horne said ultimately Mr. Chirac would not sacrifice tbe Bonn-Paris axis and tbe GATT talks on the agricultural altar by resorting to a veto.
"France would find itself in a miniority of one and risk the entire EMU and Maastricht process," be said.

Instead, emboldened by his election showing, he would try to exact from Brussels increased compensation for French far-

lowed closely by Germany and

Machinery, electronics, vebi-

cles, vessels, textiles and base

metals dominated both the im-

Iran across the Gulf main-

tained its position as the main

destination for Dubai's reexports,

accounting for almost 30 per cent.

Goods worth 2.68 billion dirhams

(\$730 milliou) were reexported to

Iran last year while Saudi Arabia

ranked second with 758 million

big Åbu Dhabi

DUBAI (R) - A consortium,

led by American giant Bechtel

has signed a contract worth \$1.35

billion to develop an onshore gas field in Abu Dhabi, officials said.

The deal involves Technip of

France. Work on the three-year

development project at Bab gas field on behalf of the Abu Dhabi

National Oil Company

(ADNOC) will start immediate-

ly, a Bechtel official said. "It is a

very large project," he said when

asked about the size of the field's

estimated gas reserves. He said

Bechtel planned to bring "a lot of

subcontractors" into the project.

Abu Dbabi's proven natural gas

reserves are generally estimated

at around 182.8 trillion cubic feet,

more than 90 per cent of the

United Arab Emirates' total gas

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dirhams (\$206.5 million).

Bechtel wins

gas project

port and reexport lists.

## uncertain amid financing worries

LOS ANGELES (R) — Troubles for the world's airlines and their fleet currently instorage will damsuppliers are likely to get worse before they get better, aggravating an already shake outlook for the financing of new aircraft, industry officials say.

That uncertainty over the availability of financing will shadow the industry for the foreseeable future, experts said. "Restoration of the confidence

of the finance community may be one of the most important things required for a full recovery." said John Fereu, vice president of McDonnell Douglas Corp.

David Jennings, vice president at Airbus Industrie, said the lack of confidence was itself contributing to the industry's inability to bounce back from its slump. Asked if the European consor-

tium might stimulate sales by helping carriers finance orders, be said, "we're not in the business of financing aircraft, we're in the very risky business of producing them."

Airline experts said air fares would go even-lower and competition become even fiercer, pushing back hope of a recovery to 1994 or later.

Carriers worldwide will continue recent patterns of cancelling orders and delaying retirement of older planes, they said. That will lead aircraft manufacturers in turn to continue the substantial cuts in production and deliveries that has accelerated in late 1991 and early 1993.

Even when airline traffic does pick up, the overhang caused by a rather than add new jets.

fleet currently instorage will dampen new orders for years to come. In addition, projected stable low jet fuel prices will force newer fuel-efficient jets to compete for sales with a large supply of used aircraft being offered at

bargain prices. MeDonnell Douglas Chairman John McDonnell last month called for government loans to help airlines finance purchases of new

The big three aircraft manufacturers - Boeing Co., Airbus and MeDonnell Douglas — have each issued optimistic long-term growth foreeasts, projecting annual global air traffic growth of 4.5 to five per cent over the next

But one major player, International Lease Finance Corp. said significant upturn in traffie or jet production is unlikely any time over the next several years.

'Airbus, Boeing, and MeDonnell Douglas are overly optimis-tie," said John Plueger, senior vice president of International Lease, a unit of American International Group.

"They are slowly coming to grips with reality," he told Reuters, noting that total jet production in 1994 will be balf of what it was in 1992, itself a down year.

"We'll be lucky if we see three per cent traffie growth a year over the next few years," he said, adding that the world fleet could easily stand to lose 600 aircraft

## Seoul unveils ambitious plan to boost economy

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) -The government Monday announced a further interest rate eut, special loans and other emergency measures to stimulate the stagnant economy. Business groups mostly wel-

comed what they called long

overdue efforts, but expressed doubts over whether the government of new President Kim Young Sam was doing enough toend the recession. South Korea's economic growth rate plunged to about two

per cent to the latest quarter from about 10 per cent in recent years as a tight money policy, meant to combat inflation, discouraged sales and investment.

fears that Monday's measures would revive high inflation and buge trade deficits that bad begun to subside recently under the previous administration's stability oriented economic policy.

The "100 day plan for a new economy" was reported to Mr. Kim by Deputy Prime Minister Lee Kyung Shik in an expanded economie meeting attended by government officials, businessmen and ordinary citizens.

Mr. Kim had ordered cabinet members to come up with ecouomy boosting measures immediately after taking office Feb.

The highlight of the plan was a further cut in bank interest rates by the end of this month, in-

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tended to encourage business in-

In late January, then president elect Kim persuaded the administration of former president Roh Tae Woo to lower bank interest rates by one to two percentage points, but the impact was minim-

Government officials said bank interest rates would be lowered by another 0.5 to one percentage points in the second rate cut.

Local businessmen have complained that South Korea's bank interest rates of more than 10 per cent a year, about the highest in the world, cut sharply into their The plan also calls for \$1.3

medium size companies, an increase in the amount of support for deferred payment exports from \$2 billion to \$3 billion, and \$713 million in loans to buy locally made machinery.

The plan also would ease government regulations on private business activities, particularly financial transactions on overseas

It calls for restraint in wage raise demands and other austerity

In a statement, the Federation of Korean Industries, representing most major local companies. said the measures would "increase exports and revive investment by manufacturing

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## Airline recovery | Commodity fund finds role helping poor farmers

Mr. Hartantyo said problems

had arisen with buffer stocks as

they were designed to stabilise

cyclical markets while many com-

modities moved into long-term

oversupply during the 1980s due to problems which were structu-

These included technological

advances which improved yields

and allowed some crops to thrive

in regions previously considered

been able to expand output of

cocoa tenfold during the last 10

years and looks set to soon

emerge as the world's number

Cocoa prices have subsequent-

ly tumbled to their lowest level in

real terms since records began as

large external debts, also attemp-

ted to meet their commitments by

expanding production thereby

Mr. Hartantvo said however he

contributing to surpluses.

Poor countries, crippled by

Indonesia, for example, has

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world stocks soared.

national fund seeu initially as a bank for now unfashionable price stabilisation pacts is finding a new role financing commodity development projects often aimed at belping some of world's

poorest farmers. Projects so far approved by the Common Fund for Commodities include two aimed at improving the quality of jute from countries such as Bangladesh, where producers face competition from synthetic substitutes to supply the carpet industry.

Managing Director Budi Hartantyo said the fund gave priority to projects which helped the least developed countries.

He added in an interview it was unable at present to fulfil its role of helping to finance commodity buffer stocks because the method of stabilising prices is largely out

It took four years to negotiate the setting up of the fund, which has a membership of 105 countries, with agreement reached in 1980. But it was not brought into force until 1989.

mood had been transformed by events such as the tin crisis, where a buffer stock operation collapsed resulting in huge losses

package'

TOKYO (R) — Japan's ruling Liberal Democratie Party (LDP) plans a 14 trillion yen (\$120 bil-

lion) package to stimulate the

sagging economy, a top LDP official was quoted as saying.
It would be Japan's biggest

postwar package, surpassing a

10.7 trillion yen (\$92 billion)

programme announced last Au-

gust to fight the economie slow-

down, the top-selling Yominri

Shimbun Sunday quoted Hiroshi

Officials are currently working

out the details of the package

which would be officially decided

before Prime Minister Klichi

Miyazawa leaves for a visit to the

United States in mid-April, said

Mr. Mitsuzuka, chairman of the

LDP's Policy Affairs Research

The package would include

tives for capital investment and

It would also allocate one tril-

lion yen (\$9 billion) raised from

construction bonds for the purch-

ase of computers for educational,

research and medical institutions

and for the extension of an optic

Mr. Miyazawa, who heads for

Washington in mid-April for talks

with U.S. President Bill Clinton,

bas staked his future on ending

the economy's two-year turn-

down. He is expected to face a

general election later this year.

the Yomiuri, an overwhelming

majority of Japan's top business-men wanted the government to

implement such a package.

According to a poll carried by

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fibre communications network.

housing-related tax cuts.

Mitsuzuka as saying.

Council.

believed that the future for com-In the intervening period the modity producers may be brighter, with much of his optimism pinned to the economic miracle currently taking place in East and South-East Asia.

### Japan ruling China's planners party 'plans say they will put farmers first stimulative

centives for the farmers who feed the world's most populous nation, bave said they would make improvements in agriculture a top

Mr. Liu announced the outlays in bis 1993 budget speech to parliament "in order to speed up the commercialisation of the rural economy and protect the interests of farmers.'

search of more lucrative jobs.

of our economy, is relatively weak... the peasants' incomes have risen only slowly and their financial burden has been too heavy," conceded Premier Li Peng in his state of the nation

The government plans to raise state purchasing prices for grain and cotton, and will readjust certam taxes on farmers to lighten their burden, the finance minister

key priority, he said.

10 per cent have been seen in much of the region, while in some areas such as south China it has i been as high as 20 per cent.

If this can be sustained this t must ultimately lead to higher consumption of commodities such as rubber and possibly even a cocoa, he said.

The fund has two accounts; the first of which is designed to help finance buffer stock operations and has deposits of around \$220 million in cash and promissary notes. Interest on this account is used to pay all the fund's adminis-

trative costs. The sercond account is for financing commodity development and has the potential to reach around \$230 million although much of the mone has not yet been needed so has not been called in from national gov-

Six projects have so far been if approved (two for jute, two rub-t, ber, one cotton and one olive oil); with a total value of 4.8 million IMF Special Drawing Rights

One project was approved in 1991, five last year and Mr. Hartantyo said he believed 10 to 12 d would be accepted this year.

lem, China is not expecting spec-

tacular growth in agricultural output. Total output is set to grow by four per cent, said minister of the state planning commission Zou The grain harvest will remain

Finance Minister Liu Zhongli said Cbina would boost investment in agriculture by 9.3 per cent this year, an increase of 3.5 billion yuan (\$610 milbon) to a total of 41.9 billion yuan (\$7.31

The state pays farmers rockpottom prices for their crops and then sometimes in IOUs, with casb not materialising until months later. On top of that, some rapacious local officials impose arbitrary fees and taxes. Officials admit that this com-

bination, more conducive to poverty than production, is drivmg many peasants off the land in "Agriculture, the foundation

Raising farmers' income is a

Despite the increase in invest-

again as the profit motive takes precedence in China. Mr. Zou said. "In a good inumber of places peasants, produced more grain without any

flat at 442,5 million tonnes, said

Mr. Zou, a vice-premier Cotton

will recover slightly from a dis-

astrous year last year, rising to

4.5 million. That was a fifth down

five million tonnes from 1992's

Widespread exploitation of far- 15

mers, one of the evils the com-

munists vowed to stamp out four i

decades ago, has reared its head

increase in their income, funds were collected arbitrarily and fees " were randomly apportioned, all it of which seriously added to the 'burden of peasants."

Finance Minister Liu made it tended to crack down hard on ri

illegal fee collection. The officials said China would 1. continue to support grain and as cotton production with subsidies o to help buy items such as chemical fertilisers and diesel oil and would limit the price of pesticides

and other materials. The government will end subsidies on grain purchasing prices, another step in the gradual move g to a free market in grain, Mr. Liu ic said. But in the meantime it

would set protective prices. The money China will eventually save from cutting grain ie

subsidies will be used to set up a ment and attention to the prob- grain reserve, Mr. Liu said.

## **Support erodes on Clinton's** economic programme

NEW YORK (R) - Support for President Bill Clinton's programme for righting the U.S. economy has eroded although it is still strong, according to the results of a Time/CNN opinion poll. The poll indicated that Mr. Clinton's overall popularity remains

steady at 53 per cent compared to 56 per cent a month agol. But more Americans now think Mr. Clinton is doing a poor job of bandling the economy, keeping important campaign promises and reducing the huge poll of government budget deficit.

The telephone pollof 800 Americans was conducted by Yankelo-

victs Partners Inc on March 18 with a sampling error of plus or minus 3.5 per cent. The battle over Mr. Clinton's plan bas moved to the Senate after the House of Representatives approved its first planks.

The plan seeks more than \$300 billion in new taxes, \$144 billion in new spending on "investments" like job training and education and more than \$200 billion in spending cuts.

Some 53 per cent of the poll respondents said they approved of the

way Mr. Clinton, who took office on January 20, is doing his job, down slightly from 56 per cent but higher than the 49 per cent recorded three weeks after Mr. Clinton took office.

On his handling of the economy, 31 per cent thought the president was doing a poor job, up 11 points from 20 per cent a month ago.



### **Dubai imports reach** \$12.96 billion in 1992 DUBAI (R) - The booming billion dirhams (\$1.03 billion) fol-

Gulf emirate of Dubai increased its imports by almost 25 per cent last year to 47.55 billion dirhams (\$12.96 billion), according to official figures obtained by Reuters

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) state of Dubai, the Guif's leading trading centre, also increased reexports by 20 per cent to nine billion dirhams (\$2.45 billion), according to the Dubai Statistics Office figures. Japan was the main source of

imports for the small oil producer

which has a flourishing car and electronics market, supplying goods worth 7.26 billion dirhams (\$1.98 billion); 15.26 per cent of China overtook the United States to become the second

The United States ranked third

largest exporter to Dubai. It exported 3.83 billion dirhams (\$1.04 billion) worth of goods, mainly textiles, light machinery, chemicals and arts and crafts. with exports to Dubai worth 3.77

## Philippine power cuts may worsen as remedies fail

MANILA (R) — Electricity cuts of up to eight hours a day are likely to worsen this summer because the Philippine state power firm cannot keep its ageing plants running. a business leader bas

"For six straight months, we have had daily brownous (power cuts), initially for three, four, five then six hours. And now, with summer just round the corner. there will very likely be eight to nine hours of brownouts a day." Raul Concepcion said.

Mr. Concepcion, who heads a task force that sets the schedule for power cuts, estimated in a statement that blackouts were costing the country at least \$16 million a day. Calling for a thorough shakeup

of the state-owned National Power Corporation (NPC). he said a major problem was its failure to maintain existing power plants

He recommended that repair and maintenance of seven power plants he privatised, and NPC operations decentralised. We can cope with three-tofour-hour brownouts, but with

eight-to-10-hour brownouts. no-

thing can be done except sit

down." he said.

The crisis worsened last week when the 300 megawatt Calaca-Icoal-fired plant broke down outside Manila.

Power problems wiped out economic growth in 1992 and Mr. Concepcion predicted the country would not be able to achieve that 4.5 per cent growth target set by the government.

Calling the effect of the crisis horrendous. he said: "The Philippines has missed the wave of foreign investments due to brownouts. Jobs and income are being lost by the people." The government has embarked on a crash programme to build

diesel and gas turbine power sta-

tions but the gap between de-

mand and capacity is growing as existing plants break down repeatedly. Mr. Concepcion, an industrial-ist whose family runs a group of manufacturing and food com-panies, said he found it difficult to accept government pledges to

ease the crisis by September. He said cuts have not only harmed production but also undermined consumer demand. which along with earnings of Filipino workers abroad kept the economy afloat over the past two

### **LONDON EXCHANGE RATES**

LONDON (R) - Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midsession on the London Foreign Exchange and bullion markets Monday.

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## Sarajevo comes under heaviest Serb bombardment of year

SARAJEVO (AP) — The U.N. Serb forces Monday of targeting non strategic civilian areas in the beaviest bombardment of the year on the besieged capital.

U.N. officials, meanwhile. worked to clear the way for more relief for Srebrenica, which was the target of overnight shelling. Col. Marcel Valentin of France

said U.N. military observers counted nearly 2,400 shells in a barrage Sunday, including 414 in Sarajevo's old city, a mainly residential area without major military positions.

Col. Valentin said he tried

without success to reach a senior Serb commander to request a halt to the barrage, which, according to unofficial counts, killed at least seven people and wounded

The French commander wondered aloud how the Serb gunners could "coordinate their fire wihout a senior officer being pre-

sent at the headquarters."
In the east, U.N. officials took up a Serb request for evacuation of 272 Serbs from the government held town of Tuzia in the north-

Serbs have made such an evacuation a condition for allowing belicopters into Srebrenica to evacuate sick and wounded.

The list includes some Serbs who want to leave, hut have property and would be willing to stay in Tuzla if their safety was assured, said Peter Kessler, spokesman in Sarajevo for the

ROME (R) - Italian Prime

Minister Giuliano Amato said

Monday he would replace Gianni

Fontana, who resigned as agricul-

ture minister over the weekend

after becoming caught up in the country's political corruption

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CHICAGO (R) - Adolf Hitler

was an uncooperative patient who self-medicated and refused

to let his doctors examine his

genitals, possibly because he was

embarrassed over having only one testicle, a researcher said

Hitler probably also suffered

from a disease that reduces blood

flow to the brain, according to

University of California at Los

Angeles School of Medicine re-

In an article based on the diary

and correspondence of Dr.

Theodor Morrell, Hitler's per-

sonal physician between 1941 and

1945, Mr. Redlich said Hitler

resisted his doctor's care, perhaps

because he may have had only

cooperative patient who self-

medicated and refused clinical examinations of his lower abdo-

men," Dr. Redlich wrote in the

medical journal Archives of In-

mortem reports raised doubts ab-

out whether the charred body

that was worked on was really

Hitler's, in part because the

Soviets reported it had only one

testicle and there was no record

Dr. Redlieh said Hitler's symp-

toms indicated he suffered from

an arterial disease that causes

inflammation and can reduce

blood flow from the arteries to

Giant cell arteritis or temporal

arterins can now be treated with

Cortisone therapy. It occurs in

patients of advanced age, and

Hitler at the age of 50 would fall

into the low range of susceptible

tentative without biopsy or auto-

psy findings," Dr. Redlich wrote. "Morrell probably never heard of

it, and Cortisone therapy did not

mitted suicide in his Berlin bunk-

er in the closing days of World War II. Morrell made the Di-

agnosis of Parkinson's disease

and recommended treatment

with Harmin, an extract of Bulga-

Hitler's Parkinsonism was

readily apparent in newsreels that

escaped Nazi censors, Dr. Red-

But Dr. Redlich expressed his

own opinion that Hitler's medical

problems cannot be blamed for

nor the diagnosis of giant cell

arteritis-temporal arteritis ex-

plains any of Hitler's crimes and mistakes," he wrote.

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Two weeks before Hitler com-

(The diagnosis) remains

of such an abnormality.

A French study of Soviet post

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searcher Fritz Redlich.

of arteries

suffered

U.N. High Commissioner for Re-fugees (UNHCR). Gen. Philippe Morillon, com-mander of all U.N. forces in Bosnia, negotiated the evacuations Sunday. He rejected suggestions that the move could be seen as the start of more "ethnic cleansing" to create more ethnically homogeneous regions in eastern Bosnia.

Gen. Morillon bas been holed up in Srebrenica Post Office for more than a week, essentially standing between attacking Serbs and tens of thousands of desperate refugees and residents stranded in the town.

Serb forces again shelled the Srebrenica region overnight, with some attacks apparently coming from weapons in Serbia itself. across the nearby Drina River border with Bosnia, Sarajevo Radio reported.

Four people were killed and seven wounded, the radio said. The report could not be independently confirmed.

In Sarajevo, heavy fighting and sbelling also continued early Monday around the airport. The international airlift, balted Friday, remained suspended.

Serb forces were gaining terri-tory in a gradual offensive on Stup, a western suburb near the airport. Further Serb gains could place the U.N. command post, located in a former Sarajevo communications building, directly on

Asked whether he thought Serbs were trying to maximise

"I am working on proposing a new agriculture minister," Mr.

Amato told reporters, ruling out



Gen. Philippe Morillon

their holdings before the possible signing of a peace plan. Col. Valentin replied: "Its obvious."

He said Sunday's bombardment was "the heaviest shelling since the beginning of the year. He said the Serbs seemed to have timed the barrage to take advantage of a diversion of media attention to the plight of Srehre-

"This is the first time we saw so many shells on the same place," he said, referring to the targeting of civilian areas Sunday.

Gen. Morillon has moved from Sarajevo to Srebrenica, making daily sorties to negotiate with the Bosnian Serbs on his demands for Serb bombing.

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less than two months.

tana was the fifth minister to law on party financing and illegal-

a ceasefire in the area, deployment of U.N. military observers. free passage for aid convoys and evacuation of the sick and wonnded.

Overnight, U.S. planes dropped more than 43 tonnes of food and other supplies in the Srebrenica area.

France said Sungay it would join the U.S. airlift to eastern Bosnia. Joint flights are likely to depart from Frankfurt, where aid supplies are stockpiled, by the end of the week.

Mr. Kessler said the UNHCR had set up a soup kitchen in Srebrenica, providing 2,100

meals a day.
On Friday, U.N. trncks brought the first overland shipment of aid to Srebrenica in more than three months. The same trucks evacuated almost 700 Mus-

lim refugees to Tuzia Saturday. U.N. officials are trying to hring another food convoy and a French field hospital past Serb lines into Srebrenica.

A ham radio operator monitored in Sarajevo said 3,000 shells fell around Srebrenica Sunday, including several in the town cen-

At the United Nations in New York, the Security Council is moving toward enforcing a no fly-zone over Bosnia.

Last week, the council condemned the Serb side for bombing villages near Srebrenica, the first time the United Nations had confirmed frequent allegations of

ly receiving funds.

Although his departure had

sent jitters through financial mar-kets in Milan, analysts had never believed it was likely to bring

down Mr. Amato's scandal tainted



A Bosnian soldier wounded in the intense bombard-ment of Sarajevo's western suburb, Stup, is carried into the emergency room. The Serbs are trying to (AFP photo)

## N.Korean nuclear obligations the Oscars," an excited Thompson said. "I'm probably going to have some sort of a frothing fit are non-negotiable — Seoul

SEOUL (Agencies) — North sites Korea, which this month pulled T proliferation treaty (NPT), cannot use its nuclear obligations as a bargaining counter to gain con-cessions, South Korea's foreign minister said Monday.

"Even if negotiations are held to peacefully solve this issue, Pyongyang's compliance with In-ternational Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) unclear inspections cannot he bargained for something else," Foreign Minister Han Sung-Joo told reporters on the eve of a trip to the United States. Mr. Han's first stop will he the United Nations, where he will discuss counter-measures against North Korea's withdrawal from the NPT this month.

"We must not rule out the possibility that the North is trying to complete its build-up of nuc-lear weapons," Mr. Han said.
"We have to consider this possi-

bility seriously."

He will also visit Japan, a country gravely concerned about North Korea's nuclear ambitions. before returning home March 31, the LAEA's deadline for com-

Reclusive North Korea fuelled by Pyongyang's declaration is global tensions when it pulled out subsiding following the end of the Reclusive North Korea fuelled of the treaty to limit the spread of South Korea-United States

The move prompted South out of the nuclear non- Korea to set the earliest possible date for the new foreign minister's visit to the United States.

Mr. Han is a member of the cabinet appointed on Feb. 26, the day after President Kim Young-Sam took office. Pyongyang described the sites

as non-nuclear military installa-

tions and accused the IAEA of seeking to spy on North Korea at Washington's behest. The Vienna-based IAEA has iven Pyongyang a March 31 eadline to open the two sites to

The North will be struck hard and may wither to death if the U.N. Security Council imposes economic sanctions with China's cooperation," Gong Ro-Myung, Seoul's chief negotiator in talks with the North on the nuclear

issue, said Sunday. China is Pyongyang's only ma-jor ally and Seoul hopes it will mediate to defuse tensions on the

Korean peninsula, 'China is well aware of our' position and so it's not wise to pressure the Chinese too much.

the foreign minister said. Much of the tension generated nuclear weapons rather than annual Team Spirit military exer-

North Korea went on a "semiwar" footing in response to the exercise, which it said was a rehearsal for an invasion.

Mr. Gong said the two cold war foes may renew bilateral talks on the nuclear dispute next month.

Some 1.5 million people have
volunteered to join North Korea's army and wage a "sacred war" to reunite the Korean

peninsula, Pyongyang's official media reported Monday. The surge of voluntee. 3 was "a hearty response" to the North's declaration of the "semi-war" state, according to the Korean Central News Agency (KCNA).

The KCNA report, monitored in Tokyo, said many of the volunteers wrote in hood, "I shall fight with life for Generalissimo Kim II Sung and the Supreme Commander Kim Jung II. Sacred war for reunification, 1993."

Kim Il Snng has ruled Com-munist North Korea since the Koreas were divided in 1945. Kim Jung II, his son and expected heir, heads the North's 1.1 mil-

tion troop army.

The KCNA report said the 1.5 million volunteers signed up for service in the "10 or more days" since the semi-war order was issued on March 9, when Team Spirit began. The manouevres, involving 120,000 troops, ended last Thursday.

eanist Congress (PAC) said

APLA bad killed the woman and

children. There were no immedi-

ate claims for the other attacks.

Desai said Sunday a race war

against whites was counter-

productive and not part of PAC

Mr. Desai, saying he was also

PAC information chief Barney

Japan anti-smokers want tennis meet

TOKYO (R) — Anti-smoking activists in Japan have asked a U.S.-based tobacco company to

### China Communist school to teach capitalism

PEKING (R) - The head of China's central party school, a Marxist training ground for leaders of the world's last major Communist state, said Monday that the school would now teach the basics of capitalism. School Vice President Su Xing told the official Xinhua News Agency that instead of focusing on ideological purity, the central party school wanted to "improve capabilities of trainees for economic management." Mr. Su said the school's new focus was the "Socialist mar-ket economy", senior leader Deng Xiaoping's combination of strict political control and greater economic freedom. "New courses cover finance, real estate and securides," Mr. Su was quoted as saying. "It is important to have a real understanding of rules governing economie operation and the law of value."

### estate raises 207.000

BUDAPEST (R) - The weekend auction of former Hungarian communist Party chief Janos Kadar's estate fetched 18 million forints (\$207,000), most of which will go to charity, the sale's organisers said Monday. Wilma Patzay, director of the art gallery that handled the auction, told Hungarian radio that more than 90 per cent of the helongings from the estate of Mr. Kadar and his wife, Maria, had been sold. A golden wristwatch that former Soviet Communist Party chief Leonid Brezhnev had presented to Mr. Kadar fetched the biggest single offer. An unidentified Hungarian woman paid 1.1 million forints (\$12,650) for the watch, whose case carried the inscription "to my friend Janos

### Magistrates in bis northern home town of Verona bad warned him he was being investisuggestions he might temporarily take over the portfolio himself. The Christian Democrat Fongated for possible breaches of the

WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

Italian premier to replace agriculture minister

### Tanker on fire off Dutch coast

AMSTERDAM (R) — A Danish tanker caught fire off the northern Dutch coast Monday, but the coastguard said the vessel was not carrying a cargo and the fire seemed to be under control. One of the 10-man crew was slightly injured, the coastguard said: "There was no cargo on board and there is no cargo spilling into the sea... the fire seems to be under control," Dutch Coastguard spokesman Cees Van Dijk said. The Danish built Maj Britt Terkol, a three-month-old chemicals carrier with a capacity of about 4,500 tonnes, was on its way from Rotterdam to Hamburg. It was 14 miles north of the island of Vlieland when the fire reported. Rescue ships and fire-fighting vessels were nearby but there were no immediate plans to evacuate the crew and the ship's captain had told the coastguard that the tanker was still manocuvrable, Mr. Van Dijk said.

### Yeltsin's mother is dead at 85

MOSCOW (AP) - In the midst of President Boris Yeltsin's struggle with the Russian parliament, he has been hit by personal loss. His mother, Klavdia Yeltsin, died over the weekend in the Siberian city of Yekaterinburg. She was 85. Rumours of ber death first surfaced Sunday at the session of the Supreme Soviet legislature. Government officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, later confirmed the whispered reports. Commonwealth Television also reported that Mrs. Yeltsin had died, without citing the cause or date of death.

### Slege gunmen leave Costa Rica

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (AP) - The five gunmen who occupied the Nicaraguan emhassy here for nearly two weeks left Costa Rica Sunday. Four went to Nicaragua and their leader to the Dominican Republic. The gunmen had demanded \$6 million and changes in the government of President Violeta Chamorro of Nicaragua. No government shakeup was announced, but Nicaragua's interior minister said Managua paid the men \$250,000 to end the siege. Four masked men left for Nicaragua in a helicopter belonging to the Costa Rican government. Jose Orbina Lara, the leader of the group that stormed the embassy on March 8, left later Sunday for the Dominican Republic. where he was granted

### Mortars fired on Philippine airport

DAVAO, Philippines (R) — Unidentified attackers fired improvised mortars Monday at Davao Airport in the southern Philippines, narrowly missing the runway. Police said no one was hurt. Bombs from three battery-operated mortars apparently siled just beyond the perimeter fence landed near the runway five minutes after a Philippine Airlines domestic flight had touched down, investigator Anastacio Naive said. Police General Geronimo Valderrama said investigators were looking into the possible involvement of Communist guerrillas in the attack. He said police had not established what the actual target of the attack was but a suspect was being questioned. The blasts, which gouged out a crater but otherwise caused no damage, caused a temporary closure of the airport of Mindanao Island.

### IRA plans inquiry into U.K. blast

DUBLIN (R) - The IRA plans to stage an internal inquiry into the weekend bombing in Britain that killed a three-year-old boy and sparked public outrage. Republican sources said Monday. "There is no way they would have wanted to kill a child. That sort of publicity does no good at all ahroad," one Republican source said. "While the IRA stieks by its official line that adequate warning was given, it is likely that an internal inquiry will be held to see what went wrong," the source added. The Irish Republican Army, battling to oust Britain from Northern Ireland, said it planted two bombs which killed the child and wounded 56 people in the northern England town of Warrington Saturday.

### Extremists attack German newspaper

MUNICH, Germany (R) - Suspected right-wingers firebombed a Bavarian newspaper Monday in the first attack on a newspaper office in a wave of anti-foreigner violence since German unification in 1990. A stone and a petrol bomh were thrown through a window in the office of the Mittelbayerische Zeitung in the town of Woerth north of Munich, a police spokesman said. The culprits daubed a large Swastika on a window and smaller Nazi symbols on two stickers saying "hostility to foreigners - we say no," he said. The pre-dawn attack caused some damage but no injuries.

## Rivals launch strong attack on

Indian Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao launched a strong attack on his leadership over the weekend, bringing a behind-the-scenes tussle within the ruling Congress Party into the open.

of ignoring the rise of the Hindu ty (BJP).

Mr. Singh did not name Mr. Rao, who is also the Congress president, but there was no doubt he was the target.

"Any office in a democratic set-up, whether of a party or a country, cannot onnly be adorned. There has to be clear proof that the office is being used as an effective instrument to protect and project the basic interests of the country or the party, as the case may be," Mr.

In the Congress such a statement is tantamount to open rebellion. Dissidence in the 108year-old party, which has ruled India for all but four years since independence in 1947, is rarely expressed publicly, and lead-ership battles are usually confined to closed-door meetings.

# India's Rao

Human Resource Development Minister Arjun Singh, a key contender for the prime ministership, issued a statement Sunday accusing the party leadership nationalist Bharatiya Janata Par-

Singh said.

## allow the IAEA to inspect two cises last Thursday. 5 S. African whites killed in 3 days

old white man Monday, the third station. attack oo whites in South Africa in three days in which five people have died.

Three policemen were also killed in the Johannesburg area over the weekend and the 18-year-old son of an African National Congress (ANC) official was shot dead in the West Rand, pushing up the national death toll. Police spokesman major Piet

Van Deventer said Tony Concer was the passenger in a car driven by Daniel De Bruin, 52, on their way to work when three or four black gunmen opened fire from the roadside at Vanderbijlpark, about 60 kilometres south of

Johannesburg.
Mr. De Bruin was not burt and

JOHANNESBURG (R) — managed to drive his bullet-boted Liberation Army (APLA), guer-Black gummen killed a 55-year- car to a bospital and a police rilla wing of the radical Pan Afri-

The shooting followed an attack by hlack gunmen on a car on a school run in the Walkerville area just south of Johannesburg Friday in which a mother and her 14-year-old son were killed. Another passenger in the car, a 13-year-old girl, died in hospital from head wounds Sunday night.

In the Eastern Cape, white Beaufort with rifle fire Saturday

night, police said.

technical college student Frederick Johannes Jerling, 18, was killed by a hlack gunman who sprayed a motel bar near Fort

A telephone caller claiming to

### speaking for APLA, said the PAC was ontraged by calls to the media claiming APLA responsibility for the attack.

The South African Press Asso-

ciation (SAPA) said APLA, contacted at its headquarters in Tanzania, would neither confirm nor A telephone caller claiming to deny its members carried out speak for the Azanian People's Friday's killings.

### Crime soars in past 5 years in China PEKING (AP) - China's top crackdowns, making it bard to determine how much of the rise

judge said Monday that crime has is stable now, but in some places risen sharply in the past five years and that some parts of the country are virtually lawless. Supreme People's Court Presi-

dent Ren Jianxin said in a report to the National People's Congress that the number of criminal cases handled by China's courts had climbed an average 7.9 per cent annually since 1980.

continuing to rise. In a very few places, criminal activity is runuing wild," he said.
China's rapid economic development of recent years bas spawned a wave of violent

in the crime statistics is due to the security situation is still not good, with cases of serious crime tighter policing. Mr. Ren said that fewer than 1 in 200 of more than 2.4 million

criminal suspects brought before courts over the past five years was found innocent, a statistic sure to white collar crime. This in turn fan charges that China ignores has prompted a series of police due process of law.

### Former Indian official denies threat of nuclear war NEW DELHI (R) - India and

Pakistan were close to war in mid-1990 but there was no threat of a nuclear confrontation, a former senior Indian government official said Monday.

Prem Shankar Jha, a top aide

to then-Indian Prime Minister Vishwanath Pratap Singh, said the first intelligence that Pakistan was capable of deploying nuclear weapons came in July 1990, some two months after tensions had

He was responding to an article in the New Yorker magazine by Seymour Hersh, which said a major nuclear confrontation was barely averted through intervention by the United States.

Mr. Jha told Reuters U.S. intervention did play a part in easing tensions. But he added: The implication of inevitability of nuclear war, as given by Mr. Hersh, is undiluted nonsense." Officials on both sides said at the time they did not want war.

The risk was acute in April-May

Armoured divisions faced each other in the Thar Desert, which straddles the border between India and Pakistan, following an anti-Indian rebellion in the part of Kashmir ruled by New Delhi.

India accused Pakistan of arming, training and aiding Muslim rebels in the Himalayan territory, which is claimed by both countries. It has been the cause of two of the three wars they have fought since independence from

By June top diplomats of the two countries had held peace talks and initiated a series of confidence-building measures, Mr. Jha said.

"First evidence that Pakistan might be able to deploy nuclear weapons came in July when American satellites spotted heavy movement out of Kahuta (Pakistan's only truclear facility)," Mr.

He said the satellites also picked up bomb racks being altered on Pakistan's F-16 fleet to carry nuclear bombs.

"That Pakistan was (capable of) entering into a nuclear war before that was most unlikely," be said. "Our bombs, if we had any in the basement, remained in the basement."

India exploded an atomic device in 1974 but says its nuclear programme is for peaceful purposes and that it does not possess weapons capability. In October 1990 the Indian

government was informed Pakistan bad between seven and nine nuclear bombs, Mr. Jha said. By then, Mr. Singh's government was in the midst of a domestic political crisis and was set to resign, Mr. Jha said. "We left that information to the next gov-

ernment," he added Mr. Singh was replaced by Chandra Shekhar in November that year and it is not known what action India took, if any.

In his New Yorker article, Mr.

Hersh wrote that Robert Gates, a former director of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) who was then deputy national a nuclear exchange."

security adviser, proved instrumental in averting the crisis between India and Pakistan. Mr. Jha said Mr. Gates' visit to both countries in April 1990 was

"He went to Pakistan first. He spoke quite strongly to the Pakis tanis. When he came here he was given the evidence we had of Pakistan training Muslim rebels in Kashmir," Mr. Jha said.

"Later, the (Indian and Pakistani) troops were pulled back (in the Thar Desert) and the threat passed. U.S. pressure did play a

A spokesman for India's External Affairs Ministry said the government had no immediate comment on the New Yorker article. One of Mr. Hersh's sources was Richard Kerr, who was deputy director of the CIA until be

retired last year. He told Mr. Hersh: "It was the most dangerous nuclear situation we have ever faced since I've been in the U.S. government. It may be as close as we've come to

## **Emma Thompson** wins Britain's top film award LONDON (R) — British actress Emma Thompson Sunday won Britain's version of the Oscar, taking the Best Actress Award

for her role in Howard's End. which was also named Best Film.
The British Academy of Film and
Television Awards (BAFTA) are seen as an early pointer to the Oscars, to be announced in Hollywood on March 29. Howard's End, based on a 1908 novel by British writer E.M. Forster, bas nine Oscar nominadons, including one for Thompson as Best Actress. "I probably don't quite realise how nervous I will be at England in a wooden crate." Thompson's husband Kenneth Branagh won an award for bis contribution to cinema at the ceremony at London's Grosvenor House Hotel. Actor Robert Downey Jr won the Best Actor Award for his role in Sir Richard Attenborough's film Chaplin, based on the life of silent film star Charlie Chaplin. Downey has also been nominated for an also been nominated for an Oscar. The Alexander Korda Award for Best British Film went to The Crying Game, about a British Soldier captured by the Irish Republican Army and his relationship with one of bis captors. In the Television Awards, John Thaw won Best Artor for Inspec-John Thaw won Best Actor for Inspector Morse, a series about an intellectual but grumpy police detective, which also netted the Best Drama Series.

## cancelled

cancel an international tennis tournament, the Salem Open. scheduled to start in western Japan next Monday. A spokeswoman for R.J. Reynolds/M.C. Tobacco acknowledged Monday receiving a letter from an antismoking lobby opposing its sponsorship of the tournament and claiming that sports and tobacco are incompatible. Reynolds, a subsidiary of R.J. Reynolds Tobacco International of the United States, is sponsoring the Salem Open meet to be held in Osaka from March 29 to April 4. World number one Jim Courier of the United States and German superstar Boris Beeker are among those due to take part. In the letter, the activists said they could not tolerate an event which was aimed at selling tobacco to young people. However, a spokeswoman for Reynolds said the company's advertisements were aimed at smokers above the legal smoking age of 20.

## **Auction of Kadar**

Kadar, with respect, Brezimev".